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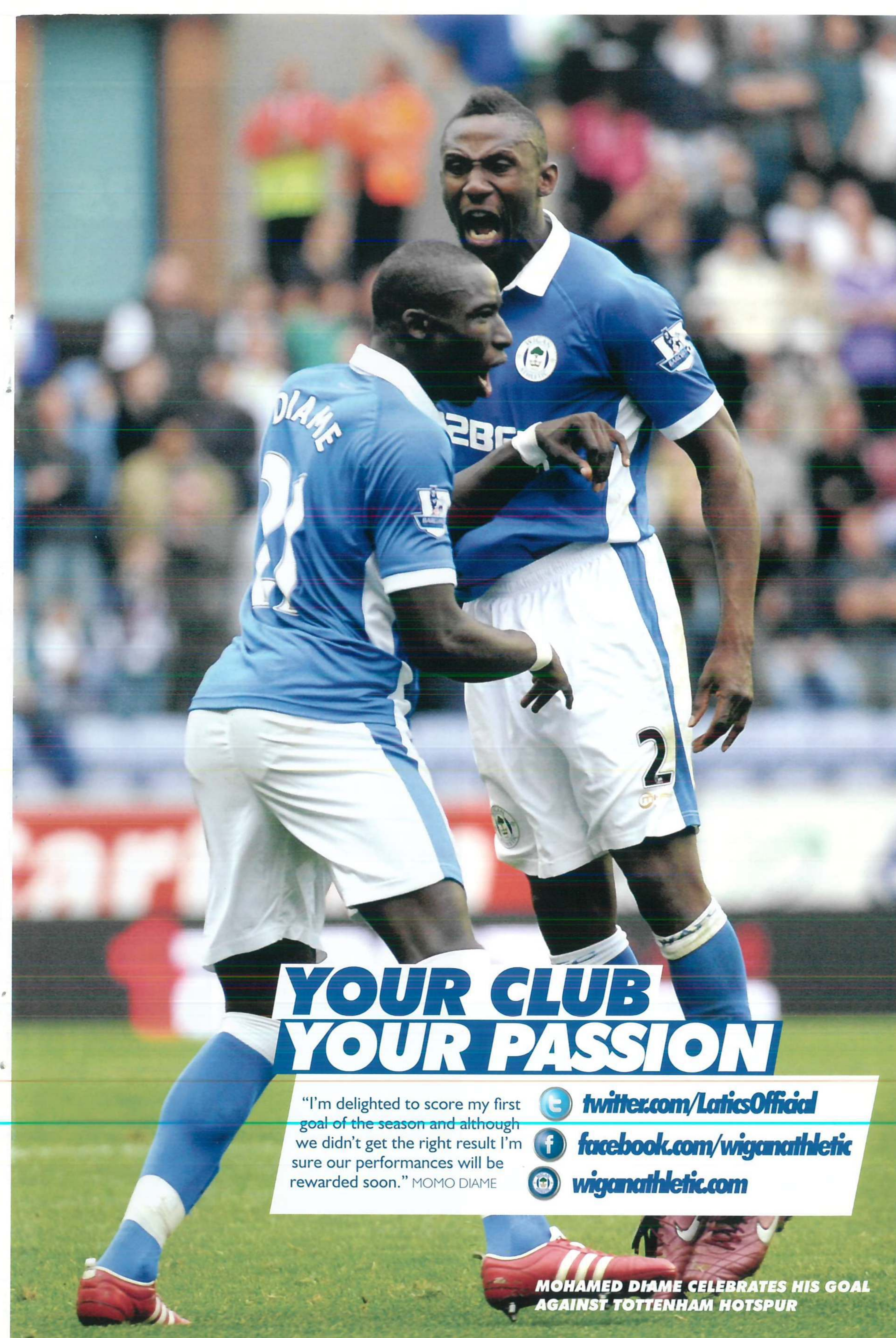
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"I'm delighted to score my first goal of the season and although we didn't get the right result I'm sure our performances will be rewarded soon." MOMO DIAME



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**MOHAMED DIAME CELEBRATES HIS GOAL
AGAINST TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**

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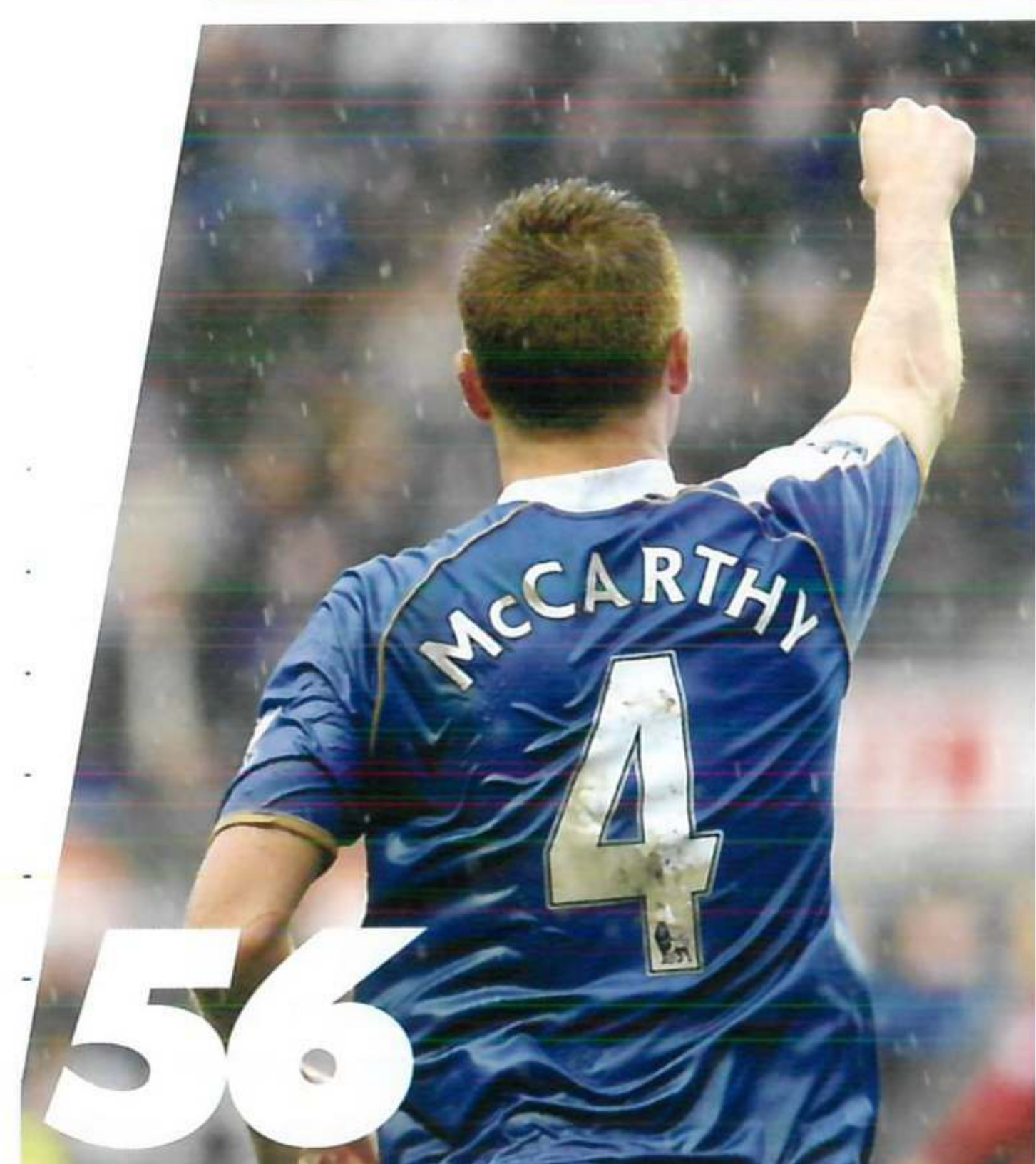
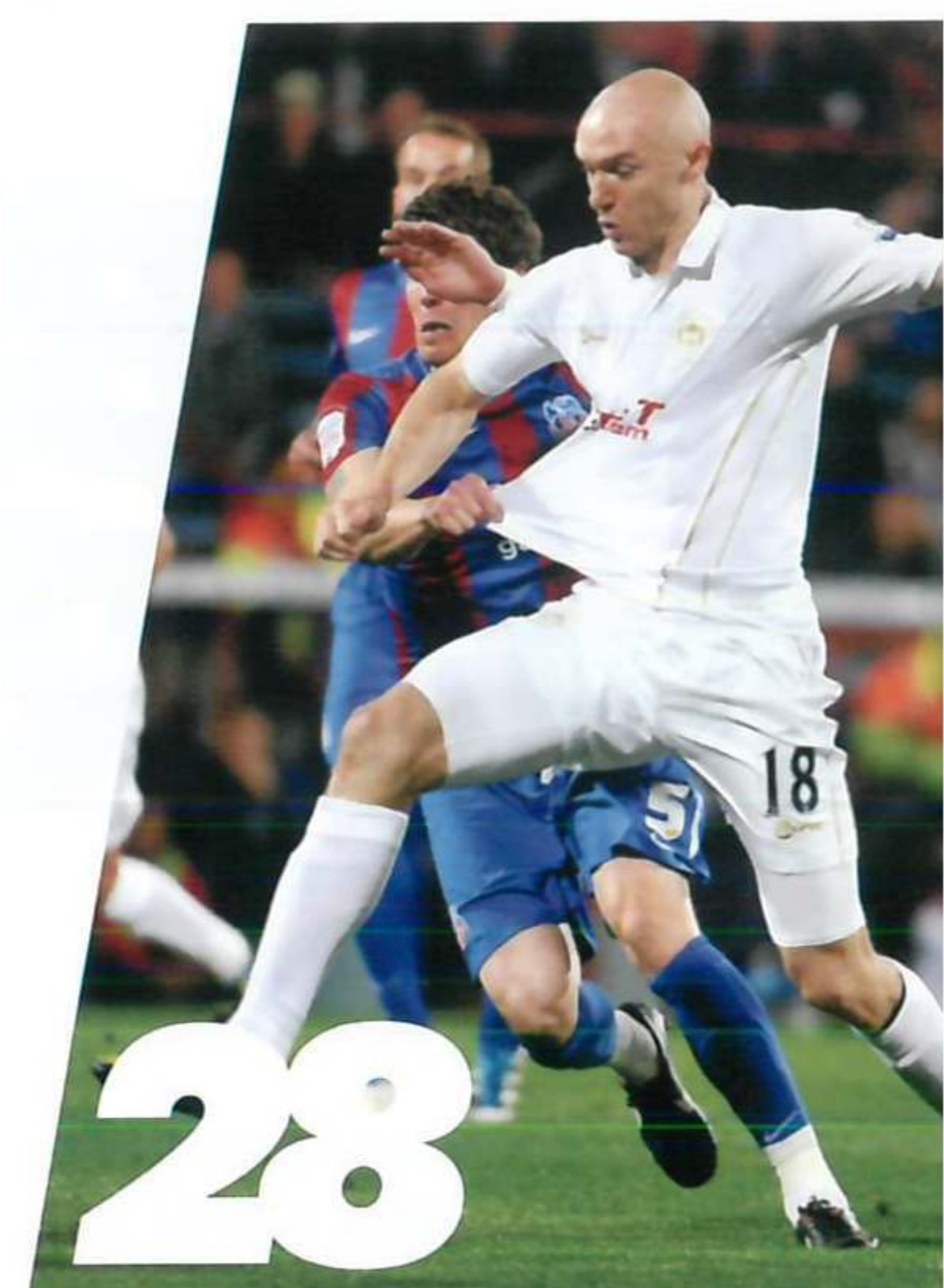
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ROBERTO MARTINEZ



Welcome back to our DW Stadium for the first home league encounter of October

INTERNATIONAL BREAK GIVES CHANCE TO EVALUATE SQUAD

During international breaks we get a great opportunity to look back and reassess our performances so far in the season and make sure that we can cover the individual needs of the players to ensure that everyone is in full pristine condition to approach the next set of games.

Overall, looking at the seven games played in the Barclays Premier League so far, it's fair to say that we showed many good things and slowly we are showing some signs of the fascinating talent that we possess in the squad. On the other hand, it's clear that we want to improve our run of results.

In this demanding league, getting a positive result comes down to very thin margins, which at the moment we haven't been able to affect in our favour, or get important decisions in key moments to go for us.

That means that we need to carry on working hard on a daily basis to earn our little bit of good fortune as well as not getting too carried with the negativity that a bad run of results could bring into our football club.

The break in fixtures has allowed us to tailor individual needs throughout the squad. This has ranged from having a mental and physical break to developing specific fitness and rejuvenation programmes and stepping up the recovery work of some of the injured players. Overall, it has made this period a real success in reaching individual targets.

Representing your country is always a proud moment for the players and for everyone at the football club, more so when you're seeing the likes of Ali Al Habsi and Emmerson Boyce captaining their nations.

THE SECOND HALF AGAINST SPURS WAS A BOOST

In our last home game, we faced a Spurs side in a very good moment. They started really brightly, showing great movement and capitalising with two early first half goals. Spurs have been capable of doing that to anyone over the last two seasons but the pleasing aspect was the response and reaction that we had in the second half. We scored a very good goal from open play really early which allowed us to carry on pushing, controlling the game and nullifying Spurs, even with the numerical disadvantage after the sending off, and we all felt that we finished the stronger side and deserved something from the game.

It was a real telling point when Gareth Bale was running the clock down in the corner in the later stages of the game, something that you would never have predicted after the first 20 minutes.

In that second half, we showed great desire and tactical knowledge to cope with adversity and very importantly, we remained together as a football club, with your voice and support really giving us the extra yard to compete.

Every performance in every game in this league needs your full understanding and support because as you well know from our previous experiences, your support and our togetherness brings success to our football club.

VILLA WAS FRUSTRATING

A real taste of that unique support was well shown at Villa Park in our last fixture. We were able to impose ourselves for large spells in the first half but we got punished by the counter attacking play from Aston Villa in a very direct approach to find Darren Bent and Gabriel Agbonlahor, something that gave them too much of a reward.

We know that we could have dealt with that a lot better and the main problem was that at certain times we were slightly careless in possession, encouraging that direct approach from the home side.

In the second half, we were clearly dominant in possession but it was only in the last 15 minutes when we had a better threat in our attacking play, something that we failed to do earlier in the game.

A defeat is always hard to take but to be able to progress we need to take certain positives from performances like this, where we had a huge presence in possession away from home and worked so hard off the ball to limit the home side to just 56 successful passes in the second half.

WELCOME TO BOLTON

Welcome to Owen Coyle and his Bolton side for another derby. Both clubs faced each other four times last campaign including the FA Cup games and every encounter was tight, where small details took on huge significance.

We've all been working really hard to be able to perform with the level shown consistently since last February at our DW Stadium, and for that your voice, understanding and patience is significant to the final outcome.

I would also like to welcome our guest of honour Emma Hoolin to this game, our efforts and thoughts as a football club are with you during this time.

Be proud of our club!

Sin Miedo
Roberto



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CLUB CAPTAIN GARY CALDWELL



Welcome to the DW Stadium everyone for today's massive derby clash with Bolton Wanderers.

It's time we put the record straight and get ourselves back on track this afternoon.

In recent weeks the results have not been good enough and for one reason or another we haven't picked up the points we know we're capable of collecting.

That all comes down to the tiny margins of error there are in the Barclays Premier League; it's an unforgiving division and unless you get everything right on the day it'll give you nothing for free.

Against Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa we simply didn't do enough to overcome the opposition and it's threatening to undermine what had been a positive start to the season – by all accounts we feel a much stronger unit this term than we ever have before.

Our game-plan and strategy are ingrained into each and every one of us now, all that's left is concentration which in the past has not only helped us produce big performances but also significant victories.

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Despite the recent disappointments the mood at Christopher Park has been positive, and it has to remain that way.

Early in the week we reflect as a team on the last game, what was good and what needs to improve, and from then onwards work begins for the next match.

At the back of your mind there is the memory of recent results and league position, but whenever we've been faced with adversity in the past there's always been an extra spark in the group that only comes with this situation.

It's a fighting spirit and one that refuses to let negativity get the better of us – it's awake in all of us right now and we need you to fire it up even more today.

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What better way to get ourselves up and running again, especially after an international break, than with a local derby.

Throughout today's matchday programme you'll see quotes from former Wigan Athletic players reliving their memories of this fixture and one word seems to pop up all the time; passion.

It's what any game is all about no matter who the opposition, but in these battles it has to be magnified and the points will go today to the team that want them the most.

From the first kick we know you'll make the atmosphere perfect for us to perform in and we're as determined as ever to compliment that with a brave display on the pitch.

Like ourselves, Bolton will be eager to get themselves going again after some tough results and an incredibly difficult start to the new season, but we can't allow them any sentiment today.

This is our home and today it's where we kick-start our season.

Let's show everyone what this game means to us, and what Wigan Athletic means to us.

Enjoy the game.



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BLUES

HOPE 4 EMMA - DONATE TODAY!



Emma Hoolin



TEXT DAY - David Jones & Callum McManaman help promote Wednesday's text day in support of the Emma Hoolin Appeal

Wigan Athletic are proud to be putting their weight behind a very special local cause the whole town is supporting.

On Tuesday players from the club visited the school-mates of one little girl who is facing a race against time to fight for her life, helping to promote her appeal.

Four-year-old Emma Hoolin suffers from high risk neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer that affects children under five years of age.

Her current treatment has had the desired short-term effect, but in order to help prevent a relapse in the future Emma must receive pioneering treatment in the USA within a matter of weeks.

A cash target of £211,000 has been set which would allow the treatment to go ahead and already thousands have been raised through a number of local fund-raising events.

On Wednesday, October 19, you can do your part and help Emma reach that figure.

Emma's school Woodfield Primary is campaigning for a 'mass-text' on Wednesday, in the hope that people will come together to help the appeal.

By sending a simple text message you can donate to this special and important cause, so please text EMMA90, Amount, followed by the amount you wish to donate - £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10.

So, if you wish to donate just £1 text EMMA90 Amount £1 to 70070. You will also notice a number of volunteers around the stadium before and during the game collecting for the appeal, so please give generously.

For more details and to donate online to this special cause please visit www.emmahoolin.co.uk

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Meanwhile, on twitter @LaticsOfficial has broken through the 6,000 barrier and continues to rise. As well as offering up some interesting debates we also bring you live updates from Latics' First Team and Development Squad matches, so if you don't already – follow us today!

MILESTONES!

Emmerson Boyce reached a personal milestone against Aston Villa two weeks ago, making his 150th appearance for Wigan Athletic since joining the club in 2006.

The landmark came seven days after the Barbados international's 32nd birthday (sorry Emmerson!) and means he is now just eight games off Paul Scharner's club record of 145 league appearances for the club with 137 appearances.

And he isn't the only player arriving at a special club milestone as captain Gary Caldwell and Jordi Gomez made their 50th appearance for the club in against Villa and Tottenham Hotspur, respectively and today, should he feature, James McCarthy will make his 50th league appearance for Wigan Athletic.

VOTE ALI!

Wigan Athletic 'keeper Ali Al Habsi has been nominated for the MBNA Northwest Football Awards Player of the Year, following his hugely influential role on-loan from Bolton Wanderers last season.

The awards, which recognise the region's footballing excellence on and off the pitch, are supported by businesses and organisations such as the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), the National Football Museum, FIFA, Sky Sports, the Football Foundation and npower.

A public vote will decide who scoops the top prize on November 14 at The Point, Lancashire County Cricket Club in Manchester, and fans can vote by visiting www.northwestfootballawards.co.uk



INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

LATICS BOAST TWO CAPTAINS, SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES PLAYING IN FIVE CONTINENTS AND ONE RECORD BREAKER DURING BUSY INTERNATIONAL PERIOD

Wigan Athletic's international stars have covered the globe in recent weeks, playing in five of the six continents and experiencing mixed emotions.

First the good news and a particularly proud couple of weeks for Emmerson Boyce and Ali Al Habsi.

Days after making his 150th appearance for the club against Aston Villa Boyce jetted out to the Caribbean to represent Barbados in their World Cup Qualifier against Guyana, and although the result didn't go their way (a 2-0 home defeat) being handed the captain's armband for the first time is a moment the defender will never forget. The 32-year-old went on to skipper the Bajan Tridents again on Tuesday against Trinidad & Tobago.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world Ali Al Habsi skippered Oman for the first time in their World Cup Qualifier away to Australia, and despite a 3-0 defeat said afterwards:

"I feel so proud to have held the captaincy for my Omani national team for the first time, it is a moment I will always remember."

Mohamed Diame landed in Africa as Senegal took on Mauritius away in another qualification match for the World Cup and played the full 90minutes as they eased to a 2-0 win.

Used to long journeys by now, Maynor Figueroa visited North and South America

to represent Honduras in their match against USA (1-0 defeat) and Jamaica (2-1 win), playing the full 90minutes in each game.

The appearances also made Figueroa a Latics record-breaker, now having won 24 caps for his country - the highest number of any Wigan Athletic player, past or present.

But there was disappointment for club captain Gary Caldwell and Craig Levein's Scotland team who, despite two spirited performances, failed to qualify for next year's Euro 2012 competition.

Caldwell played every minute of Scotland's 1-0 away win over Liechtenstein last Saturday, and their 3-1 defeat in Alicante to Spain on Tuesday.

And Latics' young guns Patrick van Aanholt and Rob Kiernan were also on duty for their countries during the break.

van Aanholt and the Dutch Under-21s triumphed over Austria 1-0, whilst Kiernan helped the Republic of Ireland Under-21s to a convincing 4-1 win over Liechtenstein Under-21s – both playing the full match.

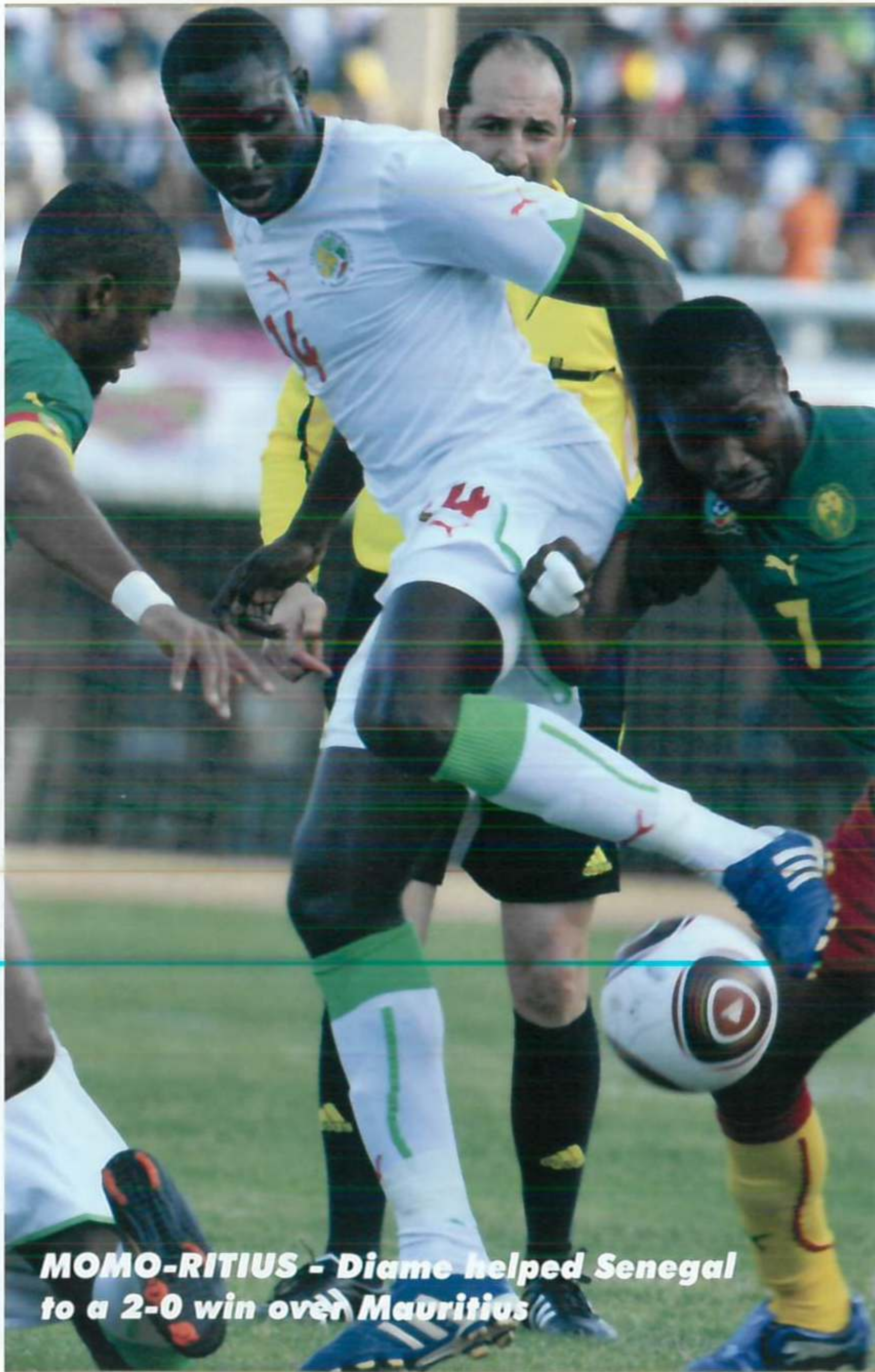




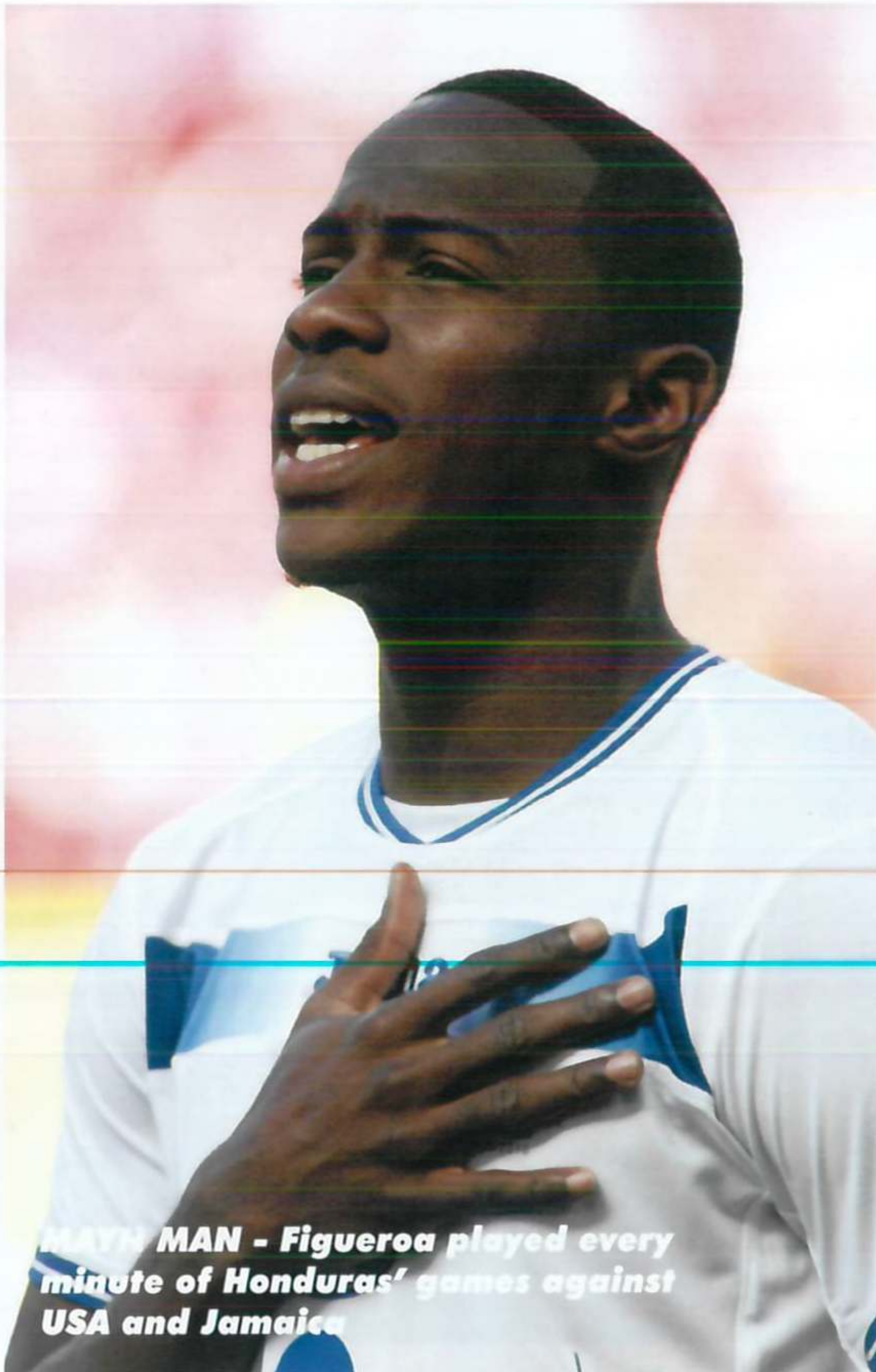
TOP CAP - Ali Al Habsi skippered Oman against Australia



CALDWELL - Gary Caldwell was present for Scotland's Euro 2012 Qualifiers against Liechtenstein and Spain



MOMO-RITIUS - Diame helped Senegal to a 2-0 win over Mauritius



MAYN MAN - Figueroa played every minute of Honduras' games against USA and Jamaica

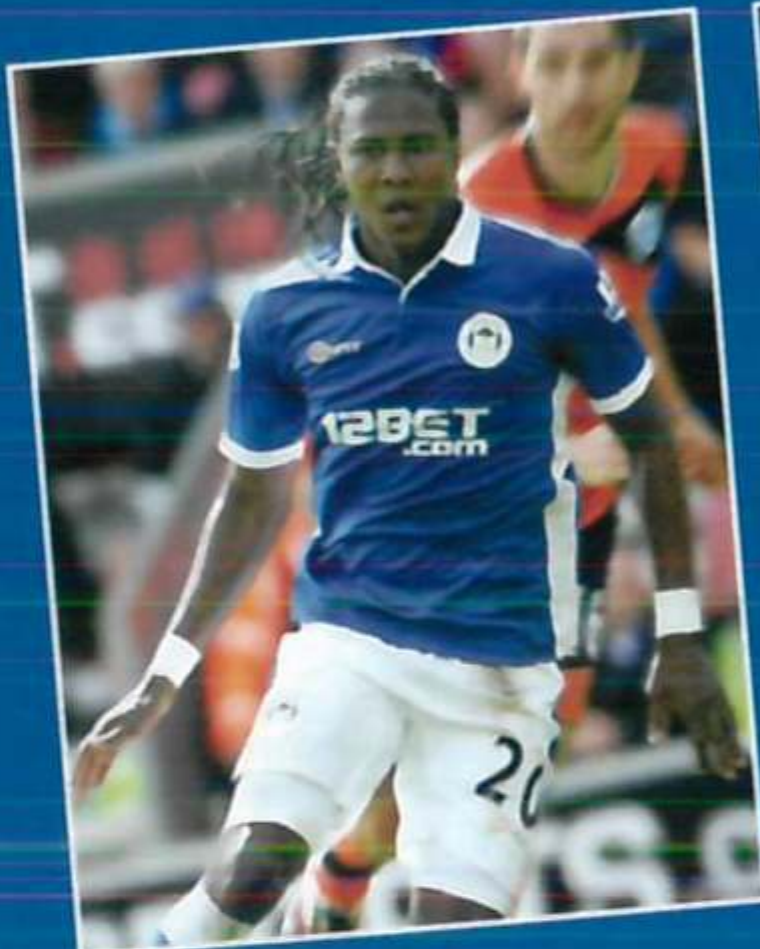
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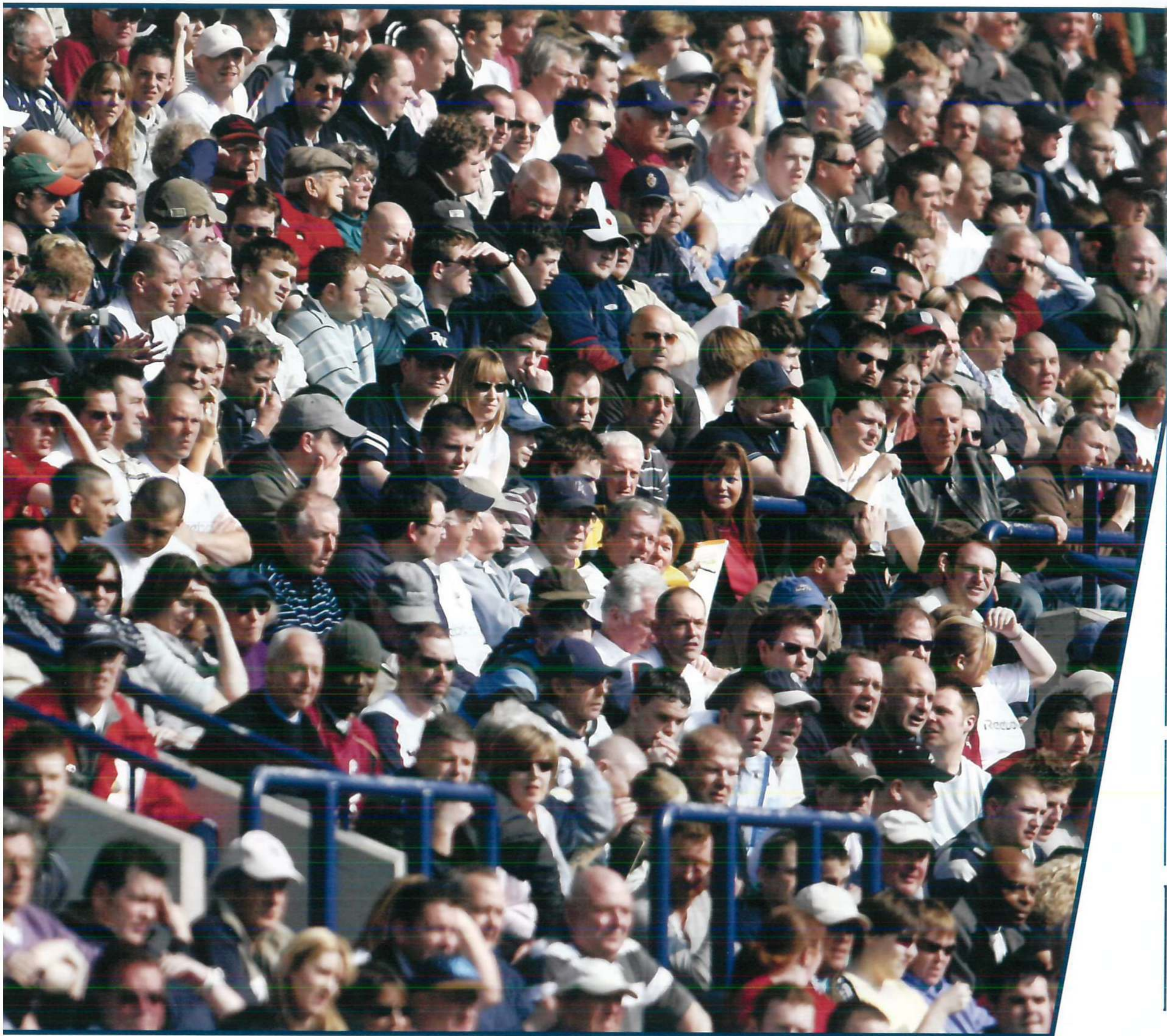
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18 **VISITORS - BOLTON WANDERERS**

Compiled by Nick Taylor



**FACT
FILE**

ESTABLISHED	▶ 1874
NICKNAME	▶ The Trotters
HOME GROUND	▶ The Reebok Stadium
LAST SEASON	▶ Barclays Premier League: 14th
LAST MATCH	▶ Bolton Wanderers 1 - 5 Chelsea, Barclays Premier League, Reebok Stadium, 02/10/2011
WEBSITE	▶ www.bwfc.co.uk



SPIRIT, HARD WORK AND QUALITY ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY FROM BOLTON WANDERERS' MANAGER OWEN COYLE. IT IS MUCH NEEDED ON THE BACK OF SIX STRAIGHT LEAGUE DEFEATS THAT HAVE SEEN THE TROTTERS BEATEN BY ARSENAL, CHELSEA, LIVERPOOL, BOTH MANCHESTER UNITED AND CITY AS WELL AS PREMIER LEAGUE NEW BOYS NORWICH CITY. THEY NOW SIT AT THE FOOT OF THE TABLE AND THE MEMORY OF THE 4-0 HAMMERING OF QPR ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE SEASON IS LONG GONE...

It was a great start back in August when Gary Cahill's volley set standard as Wanderers beat QPR, but a cocktail of intimidating fixtures at the end of August and the whole of September has sent them falling from the summit of the league, right back down to base camp.

Bolton have now conceded an average of three goals a game following heavy defeats to Man United and Chelsea that saw them ship five goals in each. It isn't as though they've lacked the goals themselves to get results, as they've netted nine in seven which is more than most. All this, despite losing their record signing Johan Elmander for free in the summer.

The afore mentioned Chelsea match saw Daniel Sturridge return to the Reebok Stadium to a rapture of applause after his successful loan spell at the club last season. The feeling wasn't the same at full time though as Sturridge netted a brace in a 5-1 victory for the Londoners.

It hasn't been all gloom and doom for the Trotters, especially in the Carling Cup. Victories against Macclesfield Town and Aston Villa and the tasty prospect of an away game against Arsenal in the fourth round will have Bolton fans dreaming of Wembley once again.

The Wanderers will have to tackle derby day first. The atmosphere of the DW is always raised when Bolton are in town and today will be no different. The Latics will have to be on top of their game, despite what the form table says about their opponents.

As always in these unique games it would be all too easy to allow hearts to rule heads, indeed plenty of meetings in the past have had their fair share of blood and thunder. But be sure that Roberto Martinez and Owen Coyle will do their utmost to instill a calmness into their sides and encourage them to use what should be a fiery atmosphere to their advantage.

QUOTED:

OWEN COYLE ON CONSISTENCY:

"In the Premier League you have to prove your worth week in, week out and, simply, we haven't done that to the consistent level of quality we know we can achieve."

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NIGEL REO-COKER ON BOLTON'S RECENT FORM:

"We've had a tough spell and want to put that right. If you look at the Premier League and how tight and competitive it is then a couple of good results can elevate you up the table, which is our aim."

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KEVIN DAVIES ON HIS BATTLE FOR A STARTING PLACE:

"I don't think my form has been great and I rightly found myself out of the side. You take it upon yourself to work hard in training and earn the opportunity to play, then you have to go out and perform."

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THE SPINE



JUSSI
JAASKELAINEN
GOALKEEPER

The goalkeeping spot has been somewhat traumatic as of late at Bolton what with the volume of goals conceded. But the former Finland international still remains a firm fixture in the Wanderers starting XI.

Last week saw him miss out due to injury and being replaced by Hungarian keeper Adam Bogdan, but he could return to the line-up today.

Jaaskelainen claimed 56 caps for his country before retiring in 2009. The big Fin made a come-back appearance in October 2010 against Hungary but admitted it would only be a one off.

His 515 appearances in all competitions since joining the club in 1997 put him sixth on the all-time list for the club, that's even above the legendary Nat Lofthouse.

Jaaskelainen will be hoping to claim legendary status of his own and help Bolton turn around their fortunes at the back.



GARY
CAHILL
DEFENDER

Cahill claimed his sixth international cap as England drew with Montenegro to ensure qualification to the 2012 European Championships. The former Aston Villa central defender has become an integral part of the England set up and is hoping to bring that form back to club level.

The Sheffield-born defender joined the Wanderers in 2008 for £5 million, a bargain given how far he has progressed. This of course has drawn the attention of many admirers, all of whom have been batted away by manager Owen Coyle.

Cahill has been an ever-present member of Bolton's back line since his arrival but could be faced with leaving on a free transfer in the summer as he has entered the last year of his contract.

The off-field issues surrounding the player are completely out shadowed by his commanding ability on it, not only is he a rock at the back but he also knows where the goal is.



MARTIN
PETROV
MIDFIELDER

The Bulgarian winger has brought technique and flair to the Reebok Stadium along with 15 years of footballing experience.

A three year stint in his homeland was followed by spells in the Swiss, German and Spanish top flights but it wasn't until his move to Manchester City in 2007 that he became a household name in England.

Three years later and Petrov was deemed one of the bargains of the summer as Bolton snapped him up on a free transfer, and what better way to start his Wanderers career than scoring his first goal against Manchester United.

The midfielder has made 89 appearances for his country scoring 19 goals, most of which are down to his notoriously powerful left foot.

Petrov's impact in the Bolton team will be crucial this season if they are to continue their trend of passing football under Owen Coyle.



KEVIN
DAVIES
STRIKER

He is the talisman of Bolton, a local hero. At the age of 34, Davies certainly isn't ready to give up yet as he embarks on his eighth season at the Reebok.

His solitary cap for England probably doesn't do justice to the impact he has had on his club. The powerful striker has been a constant pest to defences and has totalled 62 goals for the Wanderers in 292 appearances in all competitions.

Davies will have fond memories of the derby with the Latics as he scored his first ever career penalty back in March 2010.

As the current captain of the side, Davies is expected to set the standards for the rest of the squad but one thing they won't want to emulate is his statistics for fouls. Last season saw him break a Premier League record with 121 fouls, ironically breaking the one he set the season before of 120.

Davies will be hoping for goals rather than fouls come kick-off.

KEY MEN

PAUL ROBINSON



His combative attitude matches the steel and work rate possessed by the rest of the Bolton squad. Robinson joined the club from West Bromwich Albion in 2010 for £1 million after a successful loan spell in 2009. Since then he has gone on to make 57 appearances and become one of the most consistent performers in the Wanderers team. Robinson has three England under 21 caps to his name.

DAVID WHEATER

The former England under 21 defender joined Bolton in January making his debut for the club against Latics in the FA Cup. The former Middlesbrough centre back has had limited opportunities since joining the club due to the impressive performances of Gary Cahill. Wheeler got his chance last week due to Cahill being ill, but against Arsenal he saw red for a foul on Theo Walcott.

ZAT KNIGHT

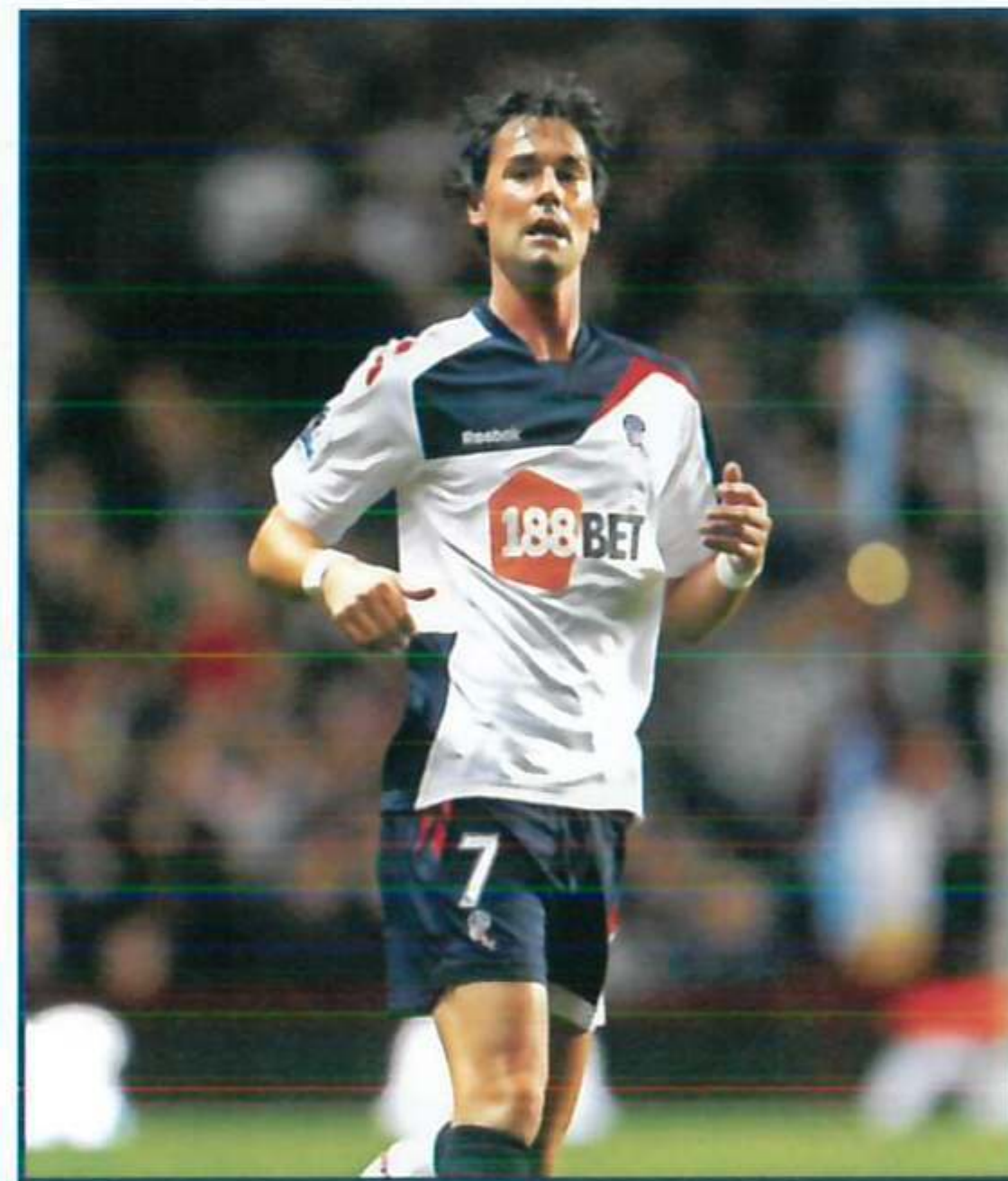
The twice capped England defender has become a fan favourite at the Reebok. With his no nonsense approach to defending, he has slowly developed an excellent partnership at the back with Cahill. At 31, he is unlikely to feature again for his country, but when called upon by his club he produces solid displays and will be crucial in Bolton's campaign this season.

GRETAR STEINSSON



The Icelandic full back has 38 caps for his country, however; he hasn't been involved in the international set up since October 2010. He made the move to Greater Manchester in January of 2008 and has rarely faced competition to push him out of the team. Steinsson's attacking attributes help to provide width on the Bolton right side. He has three goals for the club in three and a half seasons.

CHRIS EAGLES

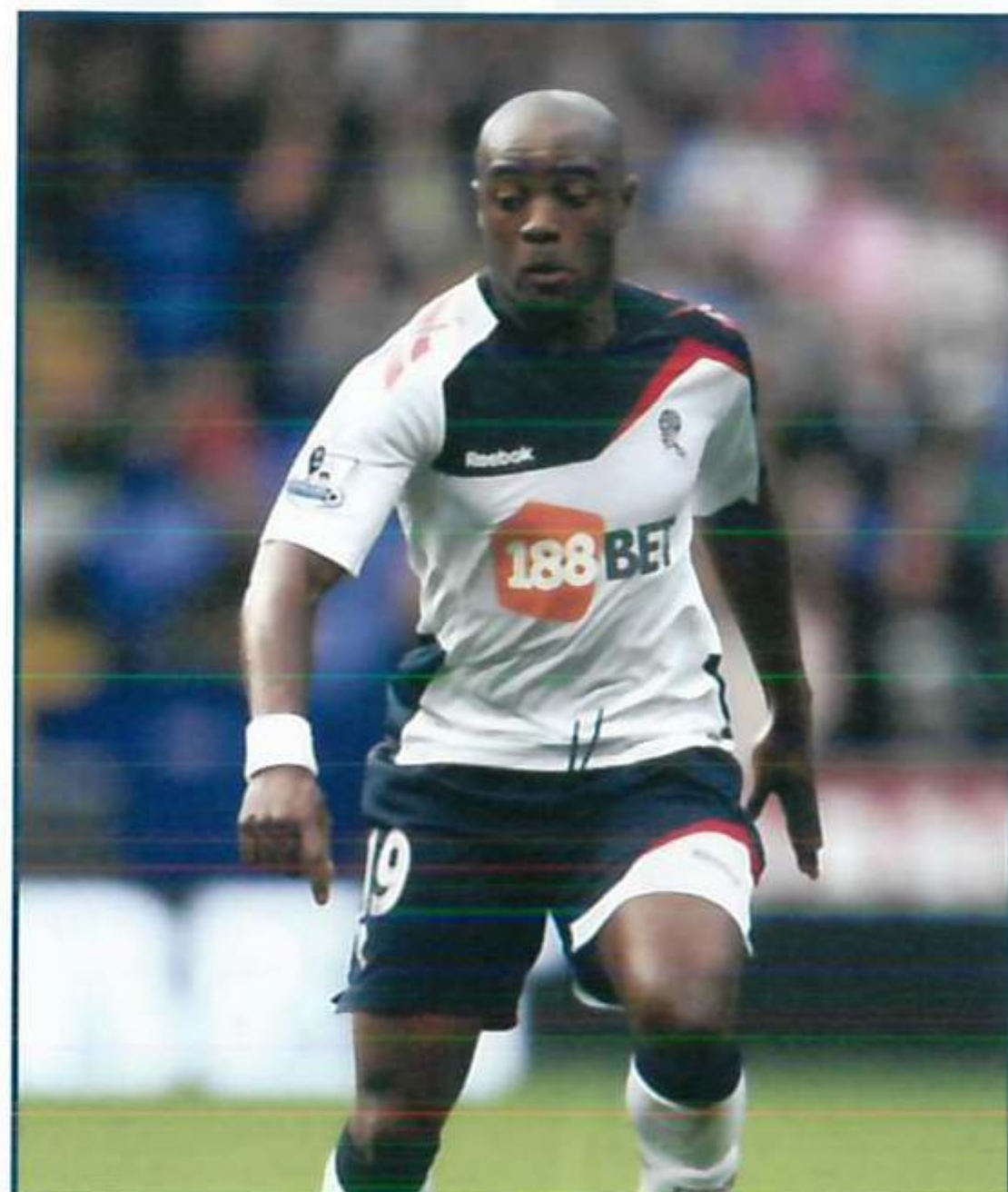


A product of the Manchester United youth academy, Eagles made the switch from local rivals Burnley in the summer in a joint transfer with Tyrone Mears for £3 million. The midfielder has made a positive start to the season with six league appearances. He got his first goal for the club in the third round of the Carling Cup against Aston Villa with a wonder strike from 25 yards.

FABRICE MUAMBA

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the tough tackling midfielder has grown up in England and represented his adopted nation at under 21 level. The 22-year-old former Arsenal academy player joined Bolton in 2008 from Birmingham City. Muamba's first ever goal for the club came in March 2010's derby match with Latics. So far this term he has one goal to his name after scoring in the 4-0 rout at QPR.

NIGEL REO-COKER



After rising through the youth ranks at Wimbledon, the defensive midfielder had two spells in claret and blue with West Ham United and Aston Villa respectively. He served a substantial spell as captain of England under 21s including being the first Englishman to captain a team at the new Wembley. Reo-Coker is one of two of Bolton's free summer signings and has played in every league game so far this season.

DARREN PRATLEY

The second of two free transfers in the summer, the former Swansea man made his debut for Bolton in the first game of the season at QPR. Despite being born in London, Pratley was called up to the Jamaica national squad in 2009 but failed to make an appearance due to a broken shoulder. The 26-year-old started his career at Fulham and made his debut against Latics in 2003 when the two sides faced each other in the League Cup.

TUNCAY SANLI

The Turkish forward just can't keep away from England. He spent two seasons at Middlesbrough and then a further two at Stoke City before moving to Wolfsburg in January of this year. He made just four appearances for the German side and in the summer was snapped up by Owen Coyle on a season long loan. Tuncay has history at the DW when in 2010 he headed an equaliser for Stoke City to draw 1-1.

GAELE KAKUTA



Cleared of contract controversy at Chelsea in 2009 after his move from RC Lens was seen to be illegal, the promising Frenchman has yet to see his career take off. However, on his debut for Bolton in the Carling Cup he netted the second in a 2-0 win over Aston Villa. Kakuta's current deal ends in January and nurturing his attacking and creative talents is something Owen Coyle will be relishing.

IVAN KLASNIC



The Croatian forward is Bolton's top goal scorer so far this season with three goals against QPR, Manchester City and Liverpool. However, following his sending off for a head butt on Norwich City's Marc Tierney, Klasnic has been unable to continue his impressive form. Klasnic was involved in Croatia's 2-0 defeat against Greece in their recent European Championship qualifier. He scored the winning goal for the Wanderers in last season's FA Cup fifth round replay with Latics in February.

DAVID NGOG

The French striker's Bolton career didn't get off to the best of starts as he appeared from the bench in their 5-0 defeat against Manchester United. Before moving to the Wanderers on transfer deadline day, Ngog had spent three frustrating years at Liverpool. He scored just nine goals in that spell including one against Latics in a 2-1 victory in 2010. The striker has yet to score for his new club.

THE MAJOR LINK: ALI AL HABSI



Our player of the season spent five years at the Reebok, but couldn't dislodge the redoubtable Jussi Jaaskelainen. His season-long loan here was a major success before his permanent move in the summer, helping us secure a seventh season in the top-flight with some world class performances. Oddly, this is the first time he's played in this fixture since making his Premier League debut for the Wanderers here four seasons ago, when Emile Heskey scored the only goal despite the Latics being down to ten men for most of the game after Jason Koumas was sent off. The two sides met four times last season, but Ali was of course ineligible to feature due to the conditions of his loan agreement.

CAREER STATS

WIGAN ATHLETIC:
41 LEAGUE APPEARANCES,
2010-PRESENT

BOLTON WANDERERS:
10 LEAGUE APPEARANCES,
2006-11

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THE MATCH FACT

There have been six own-goals and nine penalties in this fixture over the years. Five of the own-goals have been scored by Bolton, with current Preston North End manager Phil Brown responsible for two of them. Brian Griffiths and Tony Philliskirk have each scored two spot-kicks. This fixture has been drawn for the last three seasons, and last year's fixture was our 200th game in the Premier League.

NEILL RIMMER

SCOUTING REPORT

LATICS LEGEND AND SUMMARISER FOR LATICS PLAYER & WISH FM
NEILL RIMMER GIVES AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF BOLTON WANDERERS

STRENGTHS

Recent results do not provide anywhere near a fair reflection of Owen Coyle's team and their capabilities. You only need to look at the bold performances they produced consistently last season to see how difficult they can make life for the opposition, physically strong and very effective around the penalty area. Looking at specifics I think Nigel Reo-Coker has been a valuable addition to the squad, really helping them tick in the middle of the park with a big work ethic on and off the ball, and up-front the arrival of David Ngog will certainly sharpen the front-line. They've not had the greatest of luck this season with injuries to key players and a difficult fixture list, but Coyle won't have his team feeling sorry for themselves, they'll be fired up for today and we'll have to be on top form if we're going to get the result we need.

ONE TO WATCH

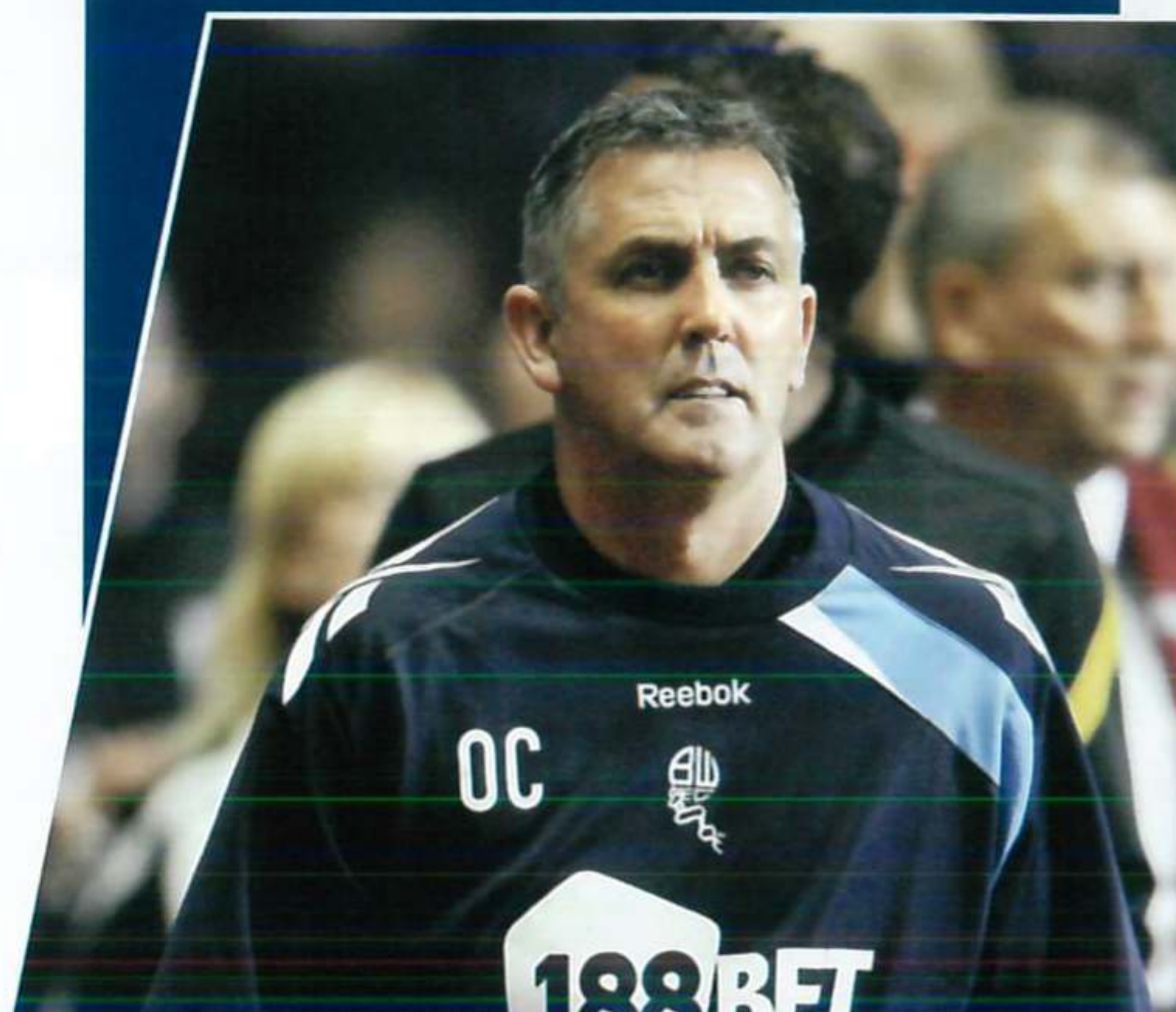
I'll look back at David Ngog for the man to watch today. He's been given a massive opportunity at Bolton to fulfil the potential we were only able to see glimpses of at Liverpool. The French striker has quality, no doubt about it, and he's a good finisher inside the area both in the air and on the ground. Now that he'll be able to get a run of games under his belt and hold down a place in the starting line-up I think we'll see just how good a striker he is.

KEY AREAS

I think both defences will be under the microscope today. We're at home so we need to be asking all the questions, but there will be times when Bolton press us and test our back-line and we need to stand strong and keep organised. At the other end if we're confident and in the mood I feel we can cause real problems and create opportunities, but we have to take them when they come along.



THE GAFFER



THERE HAVE BEEN SOME BIG FIGURES IN THE BOLTON HOTSEAT THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THEM ACHIEVING TOP-FLIGHT STATUS FOR ELEVEN SEASONS, AND IN OWEN COYLE THEY HAVE A LOCAL HERO WHO IS LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS TO ENSURE THEY ENJOY LIFE AT THE TOP TABLE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

Bolton have always had a physical edge to them, it was the same when I played against them, and Coyle has done well to maintain that image whilst also bringing some real technical qualities too.

Players like Stuart Holden, Chung-Yong Lee, Mark Davies and Chris Eagles give Wanderers dynamism and when they're on form their attacking play can very pleasing on the eye but also bring an end product too.

At the back he's worked so well with Gary Cahill, since signing the defender joined from Aston Villa, to mould the 25-year-old into one of the league's finest centre-halves and an England international with a bright future.

Just like in his playing days Coyle has a real fire in him to succeed and he'll breath that into his team before every game, especially today when, like us, they need a result to kick-start their season.



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Sammon in action for Latics against Norwich City on the opening day of the season at the DW Stadium

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SAMMON ON... RECENT RESULTS

There's no denying that recent results have not been good enough, but Roberto Martinez's ethos is that from every result, win, lose or draw, lessons will be learnt and the team will become stronger for their experiences.

It's a philosophy striker Conor Sammon buys into completely, and reflecting on the past few weeks he believes the team are capable of much more and can deliver this weekend after a welcome international break:

"Going back to the Everton game," said Sammon, **"that was a perfect example of how small margins can dictate results; for the vast majority we looked solid, kept the ball well but gave away simple goals by not concentrating in certain situations."**

"Tottenham Hotspur was a bit different, we were punished for not starting well enough."

"After half time we got our confidence back, showed a bit of character and started playing a bit more; getting the goal to come back into the game, and

even when Steve (Gohouri) was sent off we still looked the most likely to grab the next goal."

"It didn't come but as in every game we learnt a great deal that day and there were plenty of positives to take."

"Aston Villa was another game we looked comfortable in; possession was good and we were getting into dangerous areas – building on our second-half against Spurs."

"We were disappointed with the goals conceded again because they're the kind of situations we're keen to avoid and be stronger in, but it all serves as experience and examples we have to improve upon going forwards."

International periods can be a frustrating time, breaking up the calendar and running the risk of players picking up knocks whilst representing their nations.

But from a personal point-of-view Sammon has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to fine-tune his own game in preparation for today's big derby:

"The international break has come at a good time for us to reflect and refresh," he said.

"You're hoping the boys all return fit and healthy, and for us who have stayed back it's been brilliant just training hard and getting that intensity in your work; improving your fitness and your strength."

"I'm personally feeling a lot stronger for this weekend's game against Bolton and hopefully I can push my way in to make an impact on the game."

"It's a big derby, and I can tell the fans are well up for it from the messages they've been sending me on twitter."

"All our focus is on this game, both sides need the points and if we play to the best of our ability, maybe show a little more cutting edge in the final third then I think we've got a great chance of picking up the points."

"I'm personally feeling a lot stronger for this weekend's game against Bolton and hopefully I can push my way in to make an impact on the game."

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SAMMON ON... GAELIC FOOTBALL

Every footballer has a second-sport; at Latics Hugo Rodallega is a keen tennis fan, Chris Kirkland enjoys a dip in the drink for a spot of swimming whilst captain Gary Caldwell is rarely happier than when he's on the golf course.

Conor Sammon may have a bit of trouble finding someone to chat to at the training ground about his interests away from the football field however!

Gaelic Football is a close runner-up for the Dublin-born striker, and he explained how

big the following is for the sport back home:

"In southern Ireland it's a big sport – I would say it has just as many followers as the football does, it's that big," said Sammon.

"As a kid I played both sports, you'd be doing Gaelic on the Saturday and Football on the Sunday, until you got to the age where you had to decide between one and the other and for me it was always going to be football."

"Every sport has passion and in Gaelic there's always a special atmosphere."

"It's very different from football in many ways; the game itself is probably a mix between football and rugby with some hard-hitting challenges but delicate skill at the same time."

"The players don't earn the kind of money footballers do but they play with just as much passion and you can see it means so much to them to represent their team."



“There’s even been a bit of cross-over between the two sports with some footballers coming back to Ireland and taking up Gaelic so the sports aren’t too dissimilar.

“I was playing football since the age of around eight and took-up Gaelic when I was around 14 playing for about a year or so before concentrating on my football full-time.”

Sammon was even given a pick-me-up after the recent defeat at Goodison Park, with his team clinching a significant title the very next day:

“I still follow the sport and try to catch a game when I can, just last month my team Dublin won the All-Ireland final which is the game’s biggest competition – they hadn’t won since 1995 so it was a massive moment for a lot of my family and friends back home who all celebrated.” Sammon believes

he can use some of those memories of playing Gaelic football in today’s game:

“Derbies are all about passion and showing the opposition that you’re the pride of the area.

“We’re at home and we need to make sure they (Bolton Wanderers) feel far from home this afternoon and use the atmosphere to our advantage.

“Whenever I wear our shirt I’m proud to say ‘I play for Wigan Athletic’ and that attitude together with a clear understanding of our game-plan are crucial in these games.

“I know our fans can really make this stadium bounce, and I know this game means an awful lot to them - we the players aim to make it a day to remember and make sure they have plenty to jump and shout about from the first whistle.”

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SAMMON ON... SAMMON!

Since arriving in January it's been a steep learning curve for Conor in the Barclays Premier League, thrust into Latics' survival battle towards the end of last season and scoring that all-important goal against West Ham United here in May.

Now with a full pre-season with the club behind him the 24-year-old says he is soaking up information all the time and is hungry to make his mark on the new campaign:

"I'm forever learning in this environment with a fantastic Manager and great coaching staff who are always giving advice and tips on every aspect of my game," said Sammon.

"Graeme Jones, a striker himself in his playing days, has been a constant source of information for me and as a Wigan Athletic legend he knows what it takes to be a success at this club.

"I am disappointed that I've not played as much football as I would have liked in recent weeks, but it's motivated me to train harder and prove to the Manager that I mean business and I can do the job for him, my team-mates and the fans.

"Come Saturday I'll be raring to go and if I'm handed the opportunity I'll give nothing less than 100% to try and bring a positive result for us."

That desire to do well for Wigan Athletic has been there right from the start, and he says his work-hard attitude has been fuelled by the fantastic support given to him by the Latics faithful:

"From the first game I played at the club the fans have been right behind me and it's helped so much to settle in, keep improving and hopefully keep giving them something to sing and shout about.

"I don't usually set myself any goal-targets for the season, I want to get that first strike as early as possible and build on it from there.

"Although it hasn't come for me yet I'm feeling as sharp as ever, I've got some great sessions behind me and I can't wait to get back out onto the pitch.

"We've got a good squad of players here and players who haven't been getting a game but are chomping at the bit to get in and make an impact.

"It's up to everyone in training to prove to the Manager that we're ready and that we deserve to be in the team – the competition is fierce and with some big fixtures ahead of us the whole group are going to have to be ready for the push.

"The fans follow us home and away to support us and get behind us; it's up to us this weekend to give them something to shout about at the DW Stadium.

"In my short time at the club I've had some fantastic memories already, all inspired by the fans making great atmospheres and great occasions – and there's no reason it can't be the same on Saturday."

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Gordon



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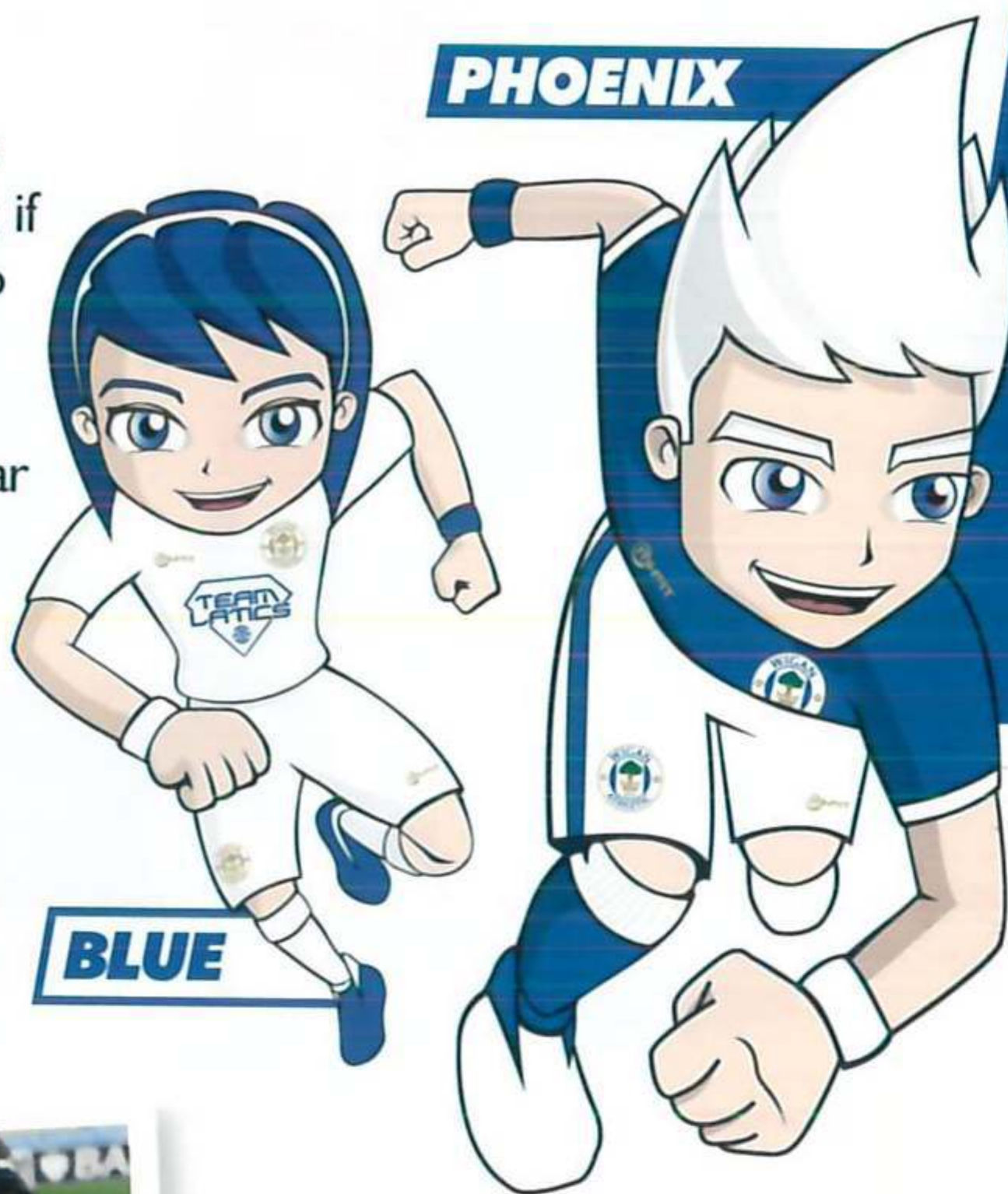
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Age 14

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Louis

Age 9

Favourite player:
Ali Al-Habsi
Score prediction:
2-1 to Latics



Colbie

Age 6

Favourite player:
Nigel Roe-Coker
Score prediction:
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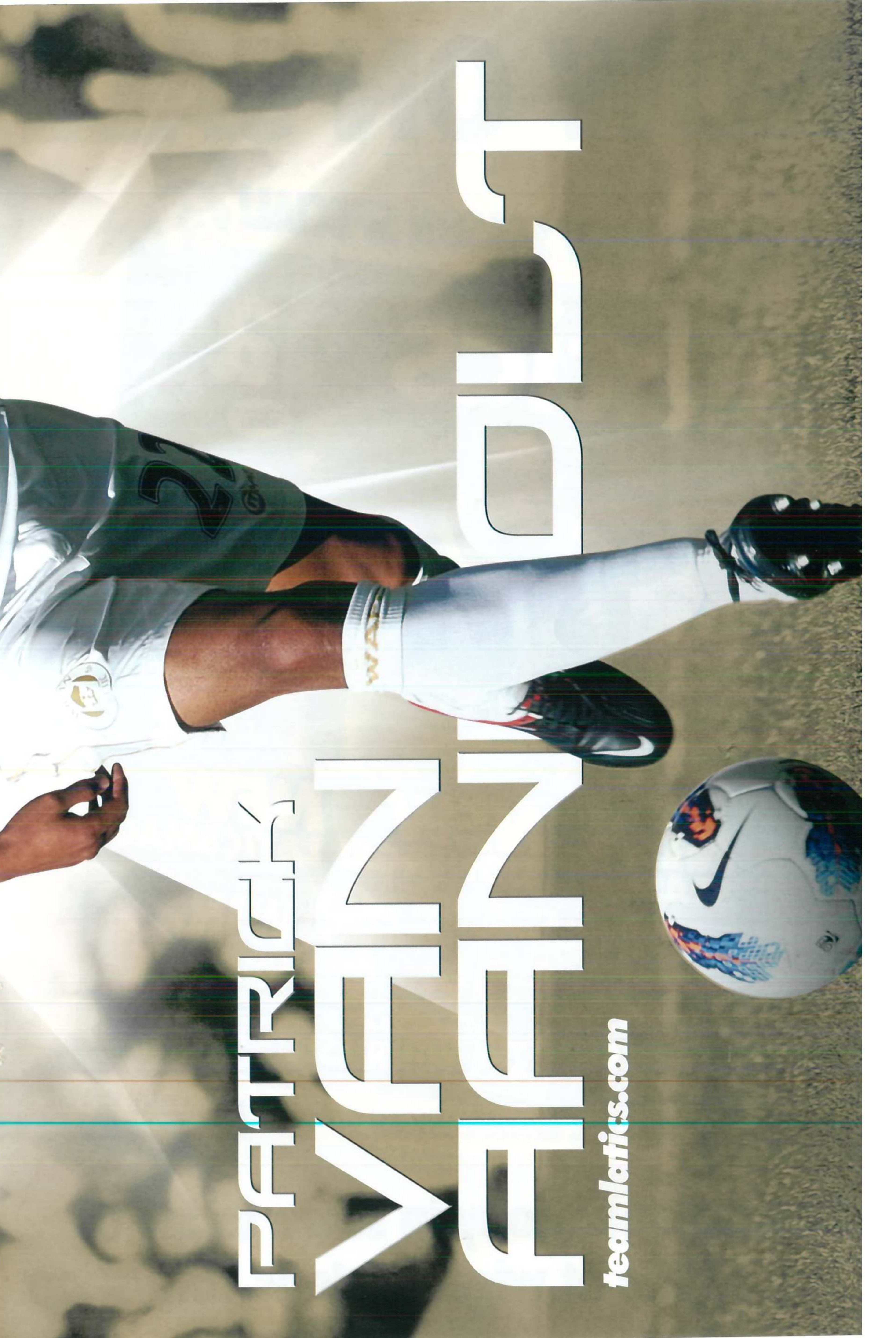
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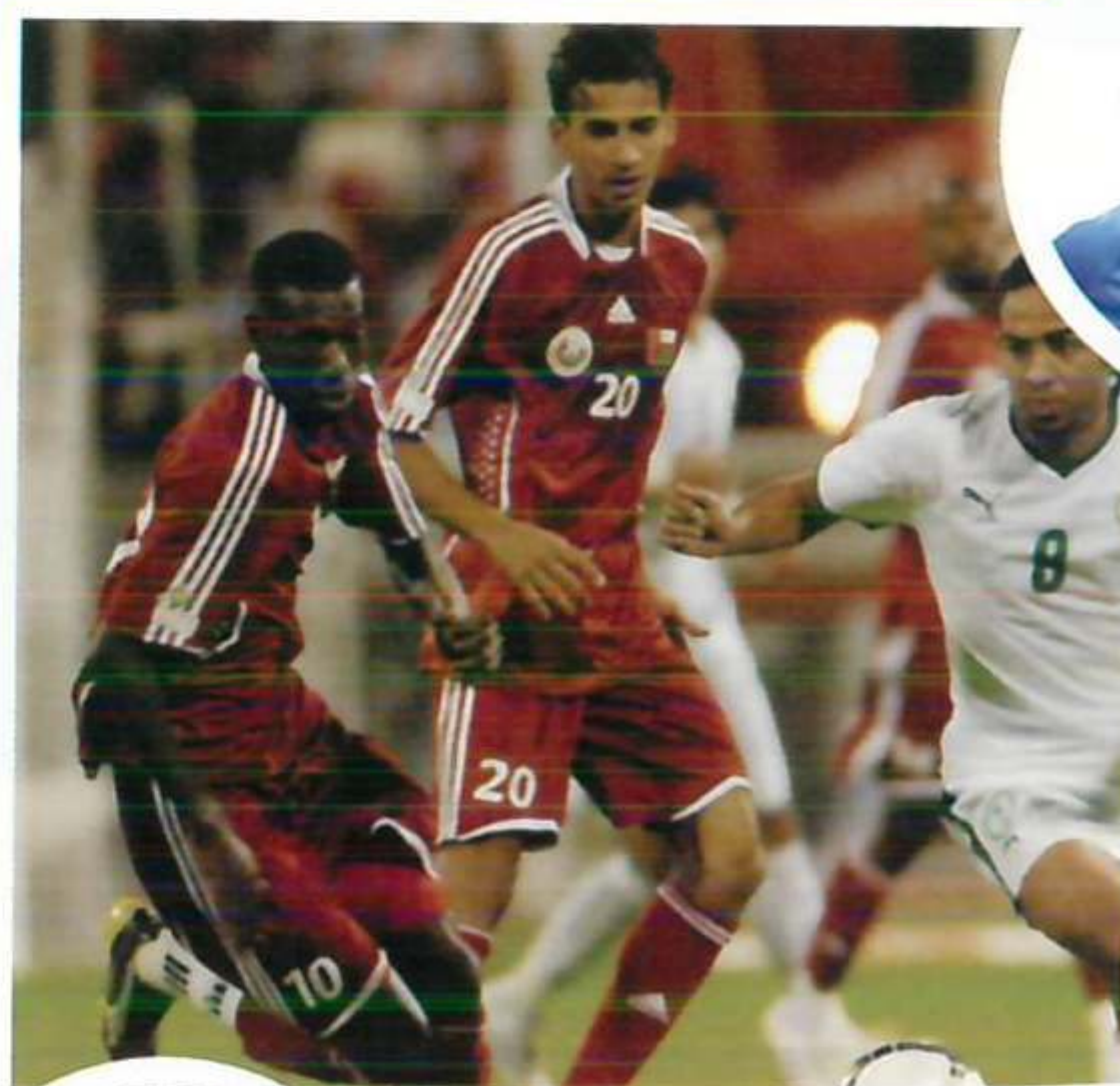
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FAVOURITE KITS

As the new 2011/12 Wigan Athletic kits are now on sale, the Latics team gave us the inside track on some of their favourite kits from days gone by!



"Paul Gascoigne's Rangers shirt is my favourite - great player, great kit!"

JAMES McARTHUR



"The Barcelona shirt is my favourite club shirt - Patrick Kluivert was a real hero for me."

SHAUN MALONEY



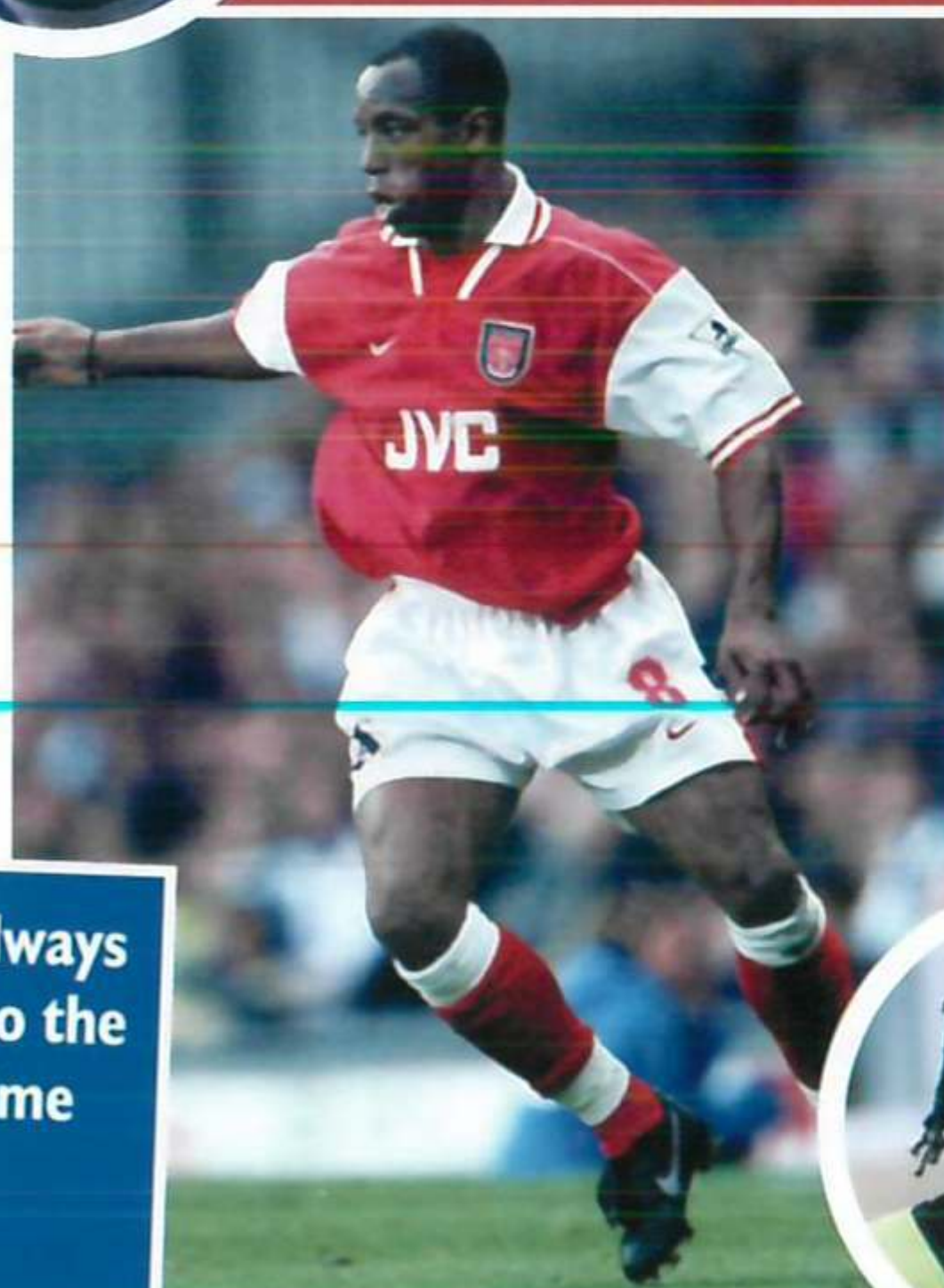
"I love the Omani 2009 kit, as we wore it when we won the Gulf Cup!"

ALI AL HABSI



"I love the JVC Arsenal shirt from Ian Wright's days - old school!!!"

EMMERSON BOYCE



"Barcelona's shirt from 2006 is my all-time favourite...so far!"

PATRICK VAN AANHOLT



"The Latics 2001 shirt always reminds me of moving to the new stadium - a great time for Wigan Athletic!"

ROBERTO MARTINEZ

PUTTING LATICS AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



AND THE WINNER IS...

'Latics Literacy' has been shortlisted for the Community Project of the Year at the North West Football Awards.

The Awards, which recognise the region's footballing excellence, both on and off the pitch, are supported by organisations such as the PFA, FIFA and The Football Foundation.

Latics Literacy aims to improve attitudes towards reading and writing whilst also helping to improve literacy skills in schools.

This is the first time Wigan Athletic Community Trust has been entered for the North West Football Awards and are proud to be shortlisted. Win or lose the Community Trust are proud of the progress Latics Literacy has made and how it has expanded and improved over the past three years.

Philip Ivory (Deputy Head at St Georges Westhoughton) who has been involved in the project for the past 3 years said, **'It is a well-deserved recognition of the hard work all the Latics Literacy team perform.'**

Latics Literacy is currently part of the weekly schedule at a number of schools in the Wigan borough, and the team are still looking to recruit further schools and volunteers for the current academic year with excellent benefits being offered in return.

If you would like your school to be a part of this innovative project please contact Gareth Nolan on **01942 824599** or email **laticsliteracy@wiganathletictg.com**

SECOND SERVE!



Earlier this year the Fred Perry Urban Cup was launched with tremendous success.

In partnership with the Premier League 4 Sport (PL4S) programme and the English Table Tennis Association, the Fred Perry Urban Cup will give hundreds of young people (under 16's) from across the Wigan borough the opportunity to take part in the competition through their engagement with the Wigan Athletic PL4S project.

The finals will take place at London's Business Design Centre on Saturday 3rd December and is a great opportunity to get involved in table tennis, so if you think you are a hot shot and would love to get involved get yourself down to one of the following clubs where tournaments will be taking place:

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TIME TO TALK, TIME TO CHANGE

time to change

let's end mental health discrimination

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And people with mental health problems face discrimination and prejudice. Often, it's because we find it hard to talk about mental health.

But you don't have to be an expert just to ask someone how they are. Just a few simple words could make a real difference to someone who's been having a tough time.

'Time to Change', run by the charities Mind and Rethink and funded with £16m from the Big Lottery Fund and £4.5m from Comic Relief, is England's biggest ever attempt to end the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Wigan Athletic Community Trust support the project as part of the Premier League's 'Imagine Your Goals' scheme – aimed at tackling mental health issues through sport.

Together with partners like the Barclays Premier League, Football Association, England and Wales Cricket Board and Rugby Super League we're working to change attitude towards what has become something of a taboo.

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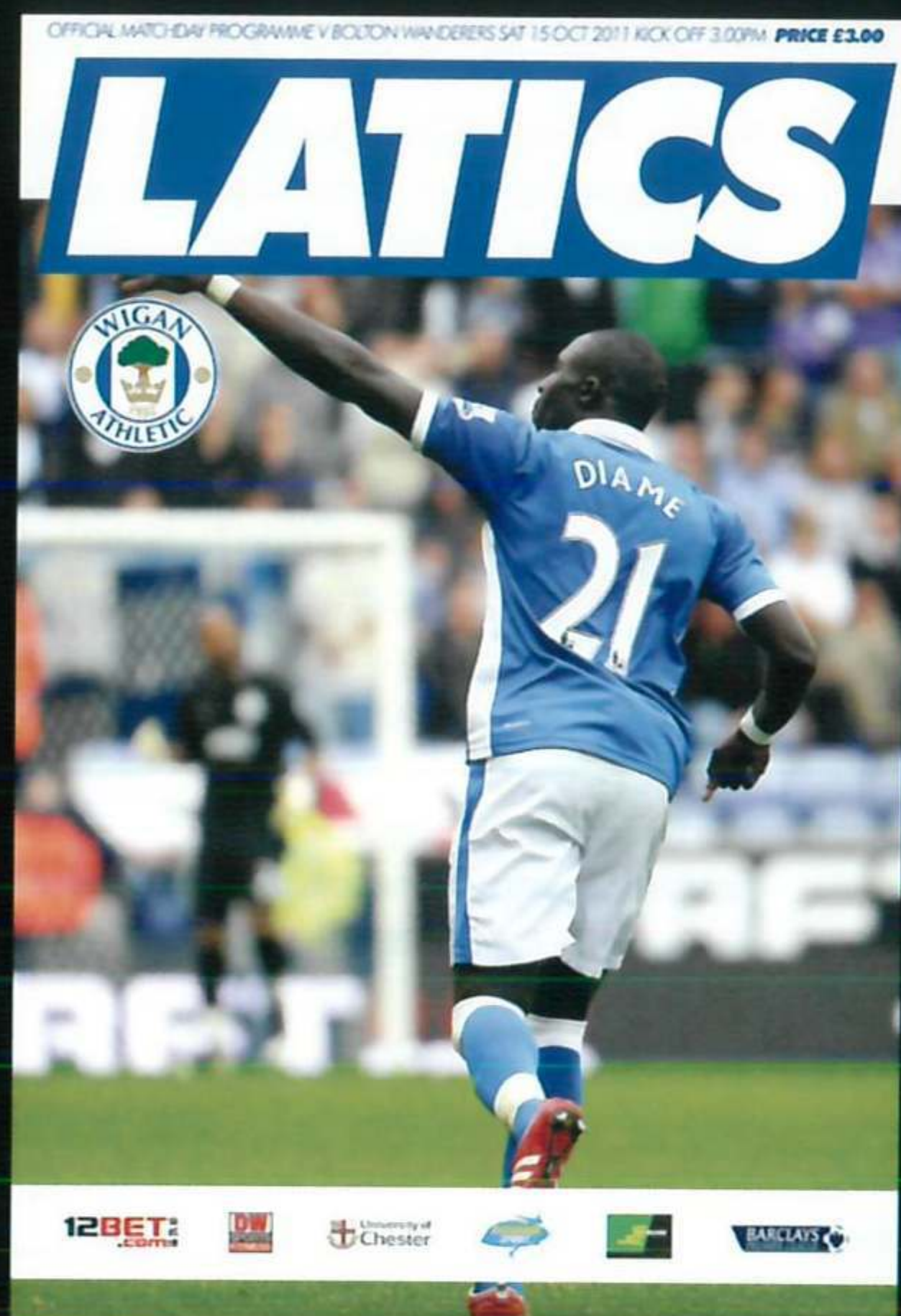


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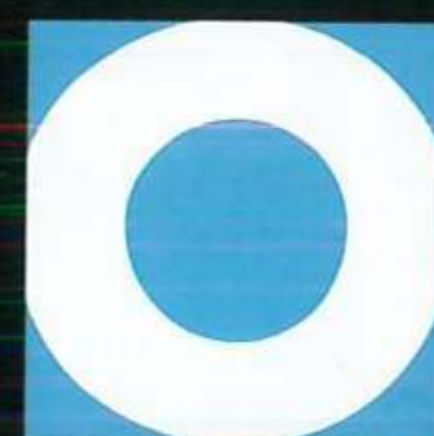


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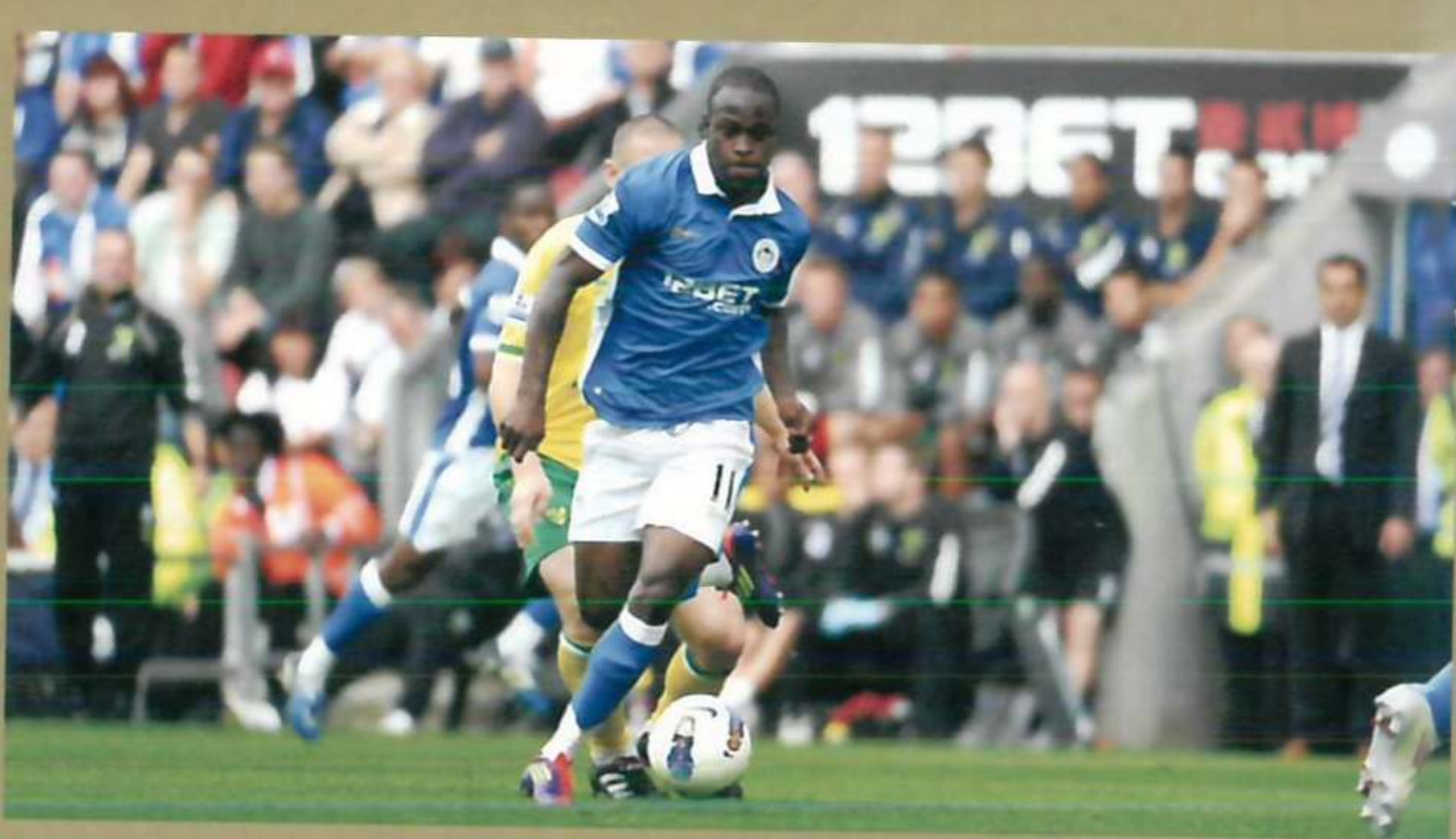


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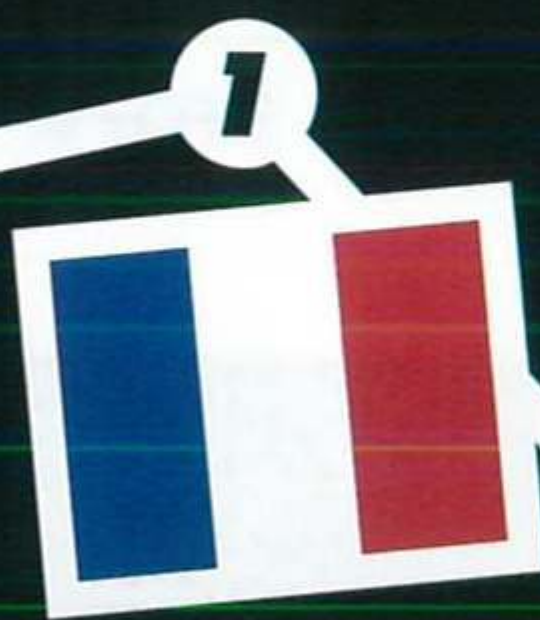
THREE SCENIC ROUTES BETWEEN LATICS AND WANDERERS

COMPILED THIS WEEK BY PETER BOROUGH



Mohamed Diame is Wigan Athletic's most recent goalscorer (v Tottenham)

Diame was born in Paris, **France**



'Champagne' Charlie Nicholas played for Celtic, Arsenal and **Aberdeen**



One of Aberdeen's most famous daughters is Annie Lennox, the **Scottish** lead singer from the Eurythmics



Roberto Martinez is Wigan Athletic's Manager

During his playing career Martinez played for a number of clubs including Latics, Motherwell and **Chester City**



In 79AD Chester was founded as a Roman fort and used as a base for the **Roman Empire** in Britain/Britannia

The centre of the Roman Empire was **Rome**



A famous film shot in Rome was 'Roman Holiday' starring **Audrey Hepburn** and Gregory Peck



Phoenix & Blue are the Wigan Athletic mascots

Phoenix is the largest city in the U.S. state of **Arizona**



Arizona is the home of the Grand Canyon, once visited by President **Theodore Roosevelt**

Theodore Roosevelt studied at Harvard University, in **Cambridge**, Massachusetts

Muse had a top-ten hit with the song 'Knights of **Cydonia**' in 2006

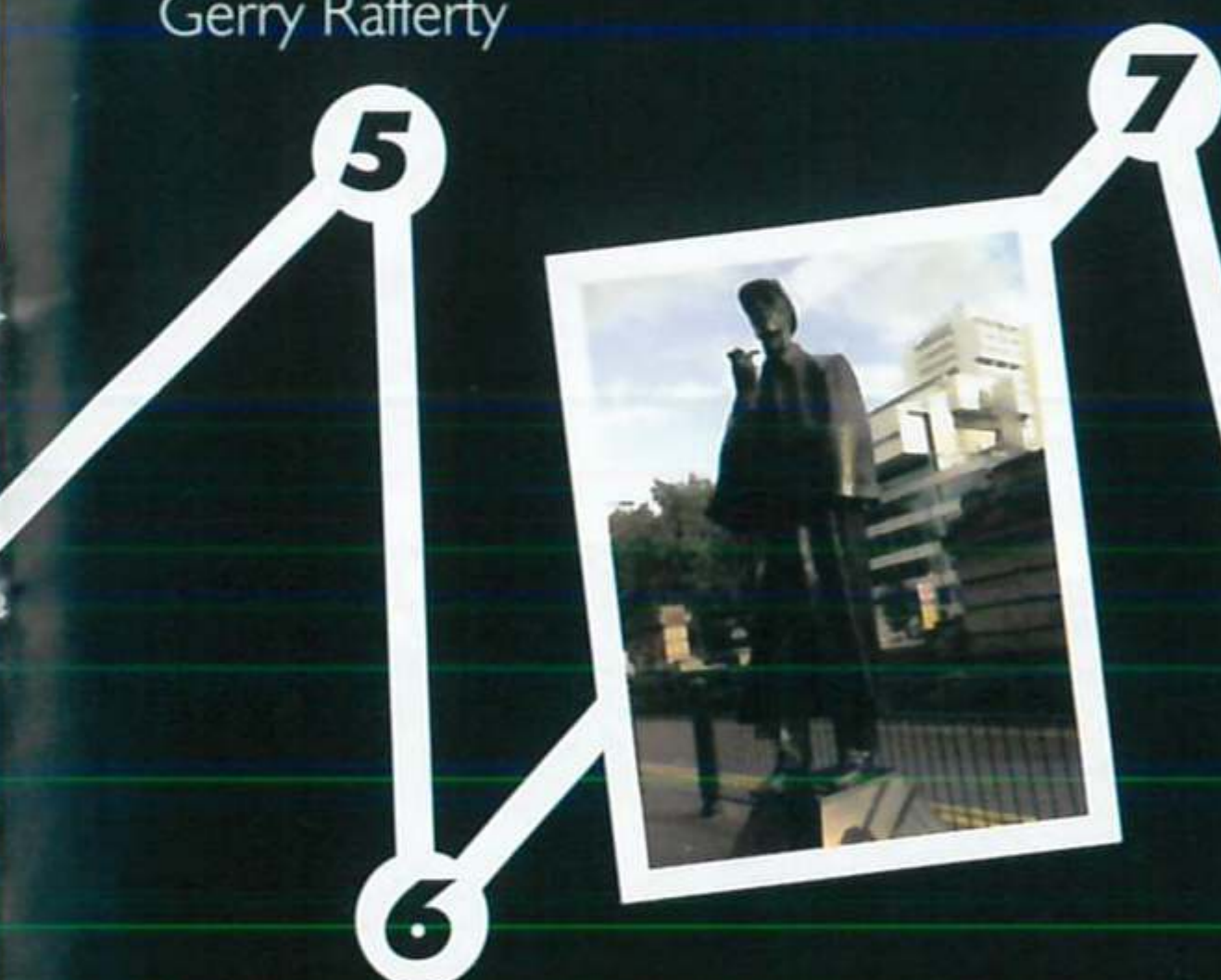


Cambridge, England also has a famous university and is home of Matt Bellamy, lead singer of rock band **Muse**

Scotland is a hot-bed of musical talent including **'Baker Street'** by Gerry Rafferty

Two other fictional sleuths include Tintin and Hercule Poirot, who were from **Belgium**

Brussels is the birthplace of footballer **Dedryck Boyata**



Baker Street was the residence of fictional **sleuth** Sherlock Holmes

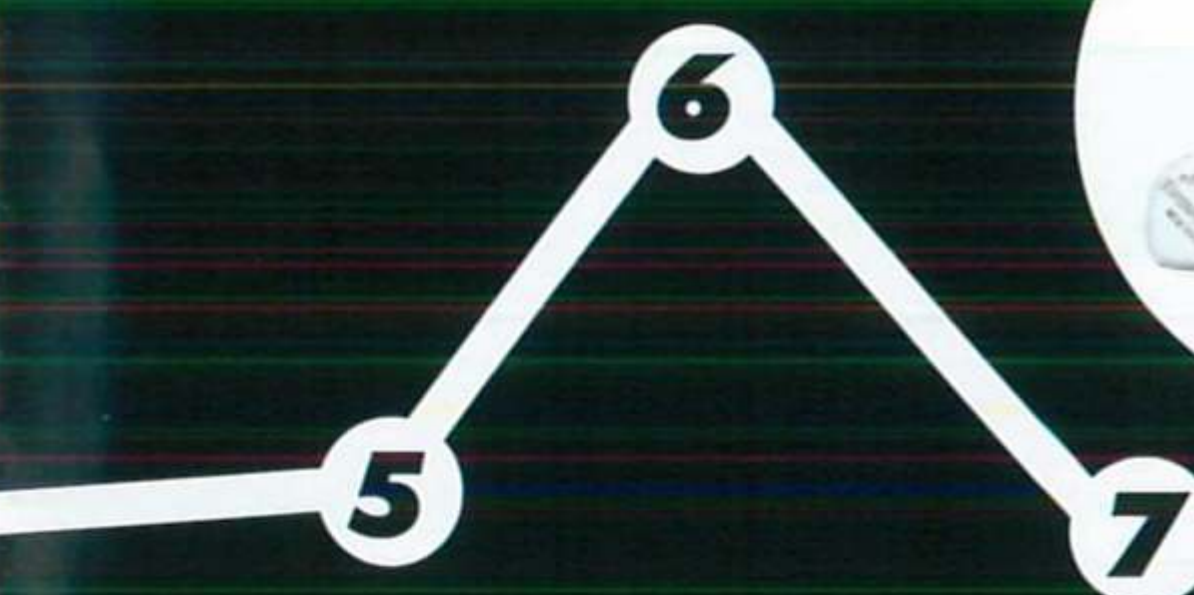
The capital of Belgium is **Brussels**



Dedryck Boyata is Bolton Wanderers' most recent goalscorer (v Chelsea)

Tiffany's is New York's most famous **jewellery store**

Samuel L Jackson is a famous **teetotaller**



Audrey Hepburn also starred in 'Breakfast at **Tiffany's**'

A famous jewellery store in the UK is **H. Samuel**

Another famous teetotaller is **Owen Coyle**



Owen Coyle is the Bolton Wanderers Manager

Mars is also a chocolate **confectionary manufacturer**, famed for its Mars Bars

The symbol on the Lion Bar is, of course a lion, just like **Lofty the Lion**



Cydonia is a region on the planet **Mars**

Another well-known manufacturer is Nestle who, amongst other things, produce the **Lion Bar**



Lofty the Lion is Bolton Wanderers' mascot

LATICS LETTERS

A RANDOM STROLL THROUGH THE WIGAN ATHLETIC ALPHABET

R is for...

THE MATCHES

HOME



Sunday 8 May 2005, Championship, JJB Stadium

LATICS 3 McCulloch 18, Roberts 21, Ellington 85

READING 1 Sidwell 90

The game that no Latics fan will ever forget, whether you were there or not. And let's face it, most of us were! Grown men were reduced to tears as Nathan Ellington's thunderous far post header bulged the net to make it 3-0 with only five minutes to go, and we at last understood that the Premier League dream had come true: Little Wigan had hit the big time.

The formula was as straightforward as it could get in football: win the final league game of the season, and win promotion. Twenty one minutes in and Latics were already two goals to the good, courtesy of Lee McCulloch and Jason Roberts.

Latics had one foot in the door of the Barclays Premiership (as it was still called then) and for the next tense 65 minutes, the fans were on the edge of their seats, until Ellington sparked the celebrations!!

LATICS: Filan, Eaden, Breckin, Jackson, McMillan, Jarrett, Bullard (Teale, 82), Kavanagh, McCulloch, Roberts (Mahon, 63), Ellington (Wright, 89) Subs not used: Johansson, Walsh.

QUIRKY FACT: Jimmy Bullard became the first player since Colin Methven in 1982 to start in every Wigan Athletic league game over two consecutive seasons.

AWAY



ELL OF A STRIKE - The Duke Celebrates

30 August 2003, Football League Division One, Millmoor

ROTHERHAM 0

LATICS 3

Jarrett 53, Ellington 59, Roberts 72

A third victory on the trot for Paul Jewell's newly promoted Latics, who were starting to take Division One by storm.

It had been a slow start with defeat at Millwall, then coming from behind to equalize late at home to Preston in the first two games at this level. But this, their third win in a row, along with a further three consecutive victories, saw Jewell's gems top the table.

Rotherham were comprehensively beaten after a really clinical second half blitz, three goals in 19 minutes giving the hosts no chance of coming back. Jason Jarrett was the real engine room of the team and he set the side on its way with a good finish, before a goal each from strikers Ellington and Roberts (the other one, though, Neil) concluded the scoring.

LATICS: Filan, Jackson, Breckin, Kennedy, Eaden, Liddell, Roberts, McCulloch, Jarrett, Ellington (Burchill), Bullard (Dinning, 80). Subs not used: P Mitchell, G Teale, G Walsh

QUIRKY FACT: Even the heroics of future Latics keeper Mike Pollitt couldn't keep out Latics that afternoon.

THE PLAYERS



NEILL RIMMER 1988-1996

Born: 13 November 1967
Liverpool
Position: Midfield
WIGAN ATHLETIC CAREER
League: 191 Apps, 10 goals
Total: 228 Apps, 15 goals

Former captain who spanned pre and post Dave Whelan eras and provided great energy in midfield. And plenty of hair.

Best Fact:
Now back at the club, working in schools and on match commentary.

PAUL ROGERS 1996-1999

Born: 21 May 1965
Portsmouth
Position: Midfield
WIGAN ATHLETIC CAREER
League: 100 Apps, 5 goals
Total: 118 Apps, 6 goals

He will be remembered for his 93rd minute Wembley winner in the Auto Windscreens – but was a very solid and reliable midfielder for three seasons.

Best Fact:
It has to be his goal at Wembley!



NEIL ROBERTS 2000-2004

Born: 7 April 1978, Wrexham
Position: Striker
WIGAN ATHLETIC CAREER
League: 125 Apps, 19 goals
Total: 143 Apps, 20 goals

A real 100% grafter up front, who spent four good seasons at Latics and was always a solid performer as the club rose from Division Two to Division One.

Best Fact:
Scored the goal that sank Premiership Manchester City in the televised League Cup tie when Latics were in Division Two.



JASON ROBERTS 2004-2006

Born: 25 January 1978, Park Royal, London
Position: Striker
WIGAN ATHLETIC CAREER
League: 93 Apps, 37 goals
Total: 103 Apps, 43 goals

Grenada international whose lethal partnership with Nathan Ellington fired Latics to the Barclays Premier League – and then himself helped the club to establish itself there.

Best Fact:
His dramatic last gasp goal at Highbury that sent Latics through to the Carling Cup Final.



OTHER NOTABLE Rs

DENNIS REEVES
JOHN ROBERTSON
NEIL REDFEARN

JOHN ROGERS
CRAIG RAMAGE

HUGO RODALLEGA
PAUL RENNIE

THE GROUND

REEBOK

STADIUM

LATICS LEAGUE RECORD:

PLAYED: 6
WON: 2
DRAWN: 2
LOST: 2
FOR: 5
AGAINST: 10

A fair record at the neighbours!
 We've only lost twice, but on both occasions the were heavy defeats.
 Apart from those games, we've had two Premier League victories and two draws.

THE ECSTASY - Lee McCulloch's late strike seals the points in November 2006

THE AGONY - Paul Scharner gets it all wrong in Steve Bruce's second game in charge in December 2007, scoring in his own net after just three minutes.

THE OPPONENT

WAYNE ROONEY

There's no denying that Mr Rooney has been one of our most fearsome opponents over the seasons, and his eight league goals against speak for themselves alas. Only Jermain Defoe has scored more. The only grain of comfort really is that we are not alone in being victims of his talented boots!! So a reluctant hats off to him - let's hope 11-12 isn't a fruitful season for him against us!



Wayne Rooney nets at Old Trafford against Latics - again.

R is also for...



REFEREES

The love/hate relationship all football fans have with the officials is one of the universal traits of the game! Our fate very often rests in their hands of course – sometimes football fans even praise them!



Dermot Gallagher – 2005



Howard Webb – 2006



Graham Barber – 2003

RED CARDS

We celebrate them almost as much as goals – but only if it's an opposition player! – it is always a dramatic moment when the card emerges from the referee's pocket! Here are three 'classics' from recent times.



Cattermole v Sunderland, September '10



Cech v Chelsea, September '09



Henry v Wolves, October '10

RAIN

There have been some memorable mud-baths over the years – who could forget the Sunderland mudslide? – in games where the elements really do make a difference. Here are a few wet days for you to remember!



1987 v Port Vale, never kicked off!



2011 v Blackburn, King James reign in rain



2008 v Portsmouth, singing in the rain!



2006 v Watford, abandoned!

RIGHT BACKS

Who's been your favourite over the seasons? The tough tackling 100% of John Butler, the swashbuckling Pascal Chimbona; the thoroughbred elegance of Dutch master Mario Melchiot; the stunning set piece delivery of Ryan Taylor.. it might even be Steve Senior if no no-nonsense is more your style!!



BUTLER



CHIMBONDA



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PREDICTION LEAGUE

FANS TAKE ON PLAYERS IN OUR PREMIER LEAGUE PREDICTION CHALLENGE! THIS WEEK EMMA CLARK GOES HEAD TO HEAD WITH CONOR SAMMON!



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		DRAW	AWAY WIN

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HOME & AWAY



CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS WITH 5 QUESTIONS ON EACH OF TODAY'S TEAMS. AWARD 1 POINT FOR A CORRECT ANSWER ABOUT YOUR TEAM , AND 3 POINTS FOR A CORRECT ANSWER ABOUT THE OPPOSITION!

Answers at the foot of the page

- 1

Latics' last win over Bolton Wanderers came in December 2008. It was a 1-0 win thanks to a penalty, but who scored it?
- 2

In the March 2008 1-0 home win over Wanderers, which Latics player was sent off in the first-half?
- 3

Former Bolton player Per Frandsen scored just once for Latics. Who were the opponents on that day – a 3-0 home win back in August 2004?
- 4

Which current Latics player scored his only goal thus far for the club at the Reebok Stadium last January?
- 5

Only once have Latics scored more than two goals in a game v Bolton. Who scored a hat-trick for Latics in that game, back in August 1987?
- 6

Which Bolton striker missed a penalty against Latics at the Reebok Stadium in December 2007?
- 7

Whose only two league goals for Bolton came at the JJB Stadium in April 2007?
- 8

Name three goalkeepers to have played league games for both Latics and Wanderers
- 9

Which former Bolton and Latics cente-half is now player-manager at Rhyl?
- 10

Which then Bolton player, who played for both clubs, scored a spectacular chipped own-goal at Burnden Park v Latics in September 1991?

Answers: 1. Amr Zaki 2. Jason Koumas 3. Brighton & Hove Albion 4. Ronnie Stam 5. Bobby Campbell 6. Nicolas Anelka 7. Andranik Teymourian 8. Ali Al Habsi, Simon Farnworth, David Felgate 9. Greg Strong 10. Tony Kelly

Latics In The Attic

**The column where
you send in your
memorabilia -
and tell us what
it means to you!!**



JUST THE TICKET

Matf Harrison

From Hernan Crespo's cruel winner on the opening day to the last ever game at Highbury, this was our magnificent first season in the top-flight. We surprised a few people that year. Er, not me though, I never doubted them!

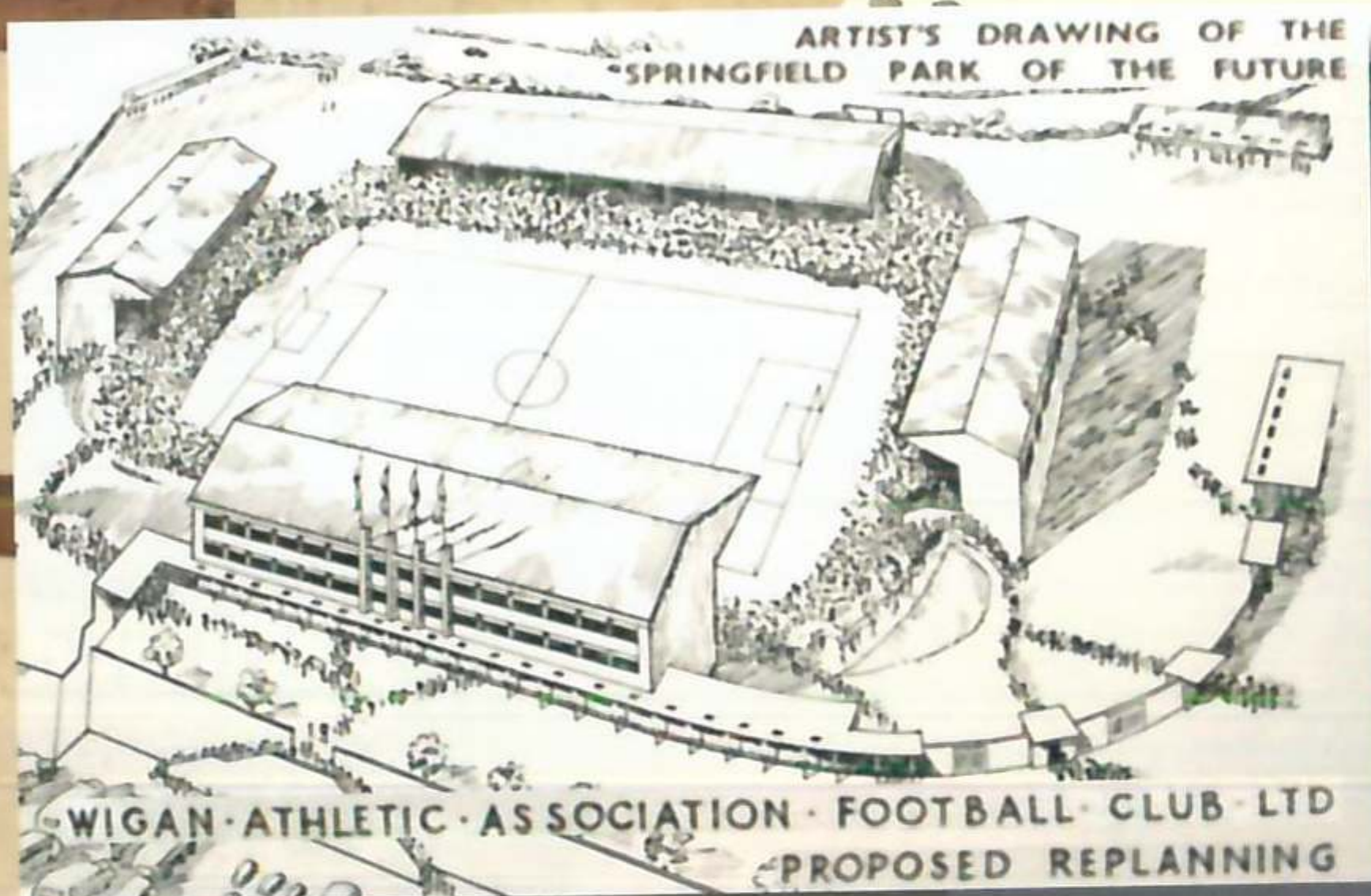


BOBBY CHARLTON WAS A LATIC!

George Chilvers

This was a charity match in aid of Blackpool policemen who tragically drowned. Latics beat Blackpool 3-2 at Springfield Park with Eamonn O'Keefe netting twice and Mike Summerbee (not on picture) adding to the tally. Also in the side was England legend Bobby Charlton and if memory serves me right this was one of only two friendlies he played for us, the other being against Norwegian club Bodo Grande in 1981.

LATICS (top, left to right): Tony Book, Kevin Langley, Peter Houghton, Colin Methven, John McMahon, Roy Tunks, Bobby Charlton, Phil Williams, Kevin Sheldon, Eamonn O'Keefe, David Young.



BIG PLANS FOR SPRINGFIELD

David McKellen

I had a brochure in my loft, The official Wigan Athletic Association Football Club Application For Admission To The Football League 1932-1950". The brochure outlined proposed changes to Springfield Park and selling points for Latics to become a Football league Club. Little did the club know it would take many more applications and another 28 years!! It's so much easier these days with automatic promotion and relegation.

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THE ROAD AHEAD...

It's the first game a fair few Latics fans look for on the fixture list every summer, but today's local derby against Bolton is shaping up to be the biggest in recent memory.

With Latics having lost five in a row and Bolton their last six in the Premier League, you'd be hard-pushed selling it to the purists. But for sheer tension, passion and local pride, where else would you rather be at 3pm this afternoon?

With both of last season's league matches ending all-square, as well as the FA Cup fourth-round tie between the sides, a closely-fought encounter looks guaranteed.

And given the huge stakes - even at this early stage of the campaign - it could come down to a moment of magic, a mistake at the back, a borderline call from the official.

As long as it comes down in Latics' favour, I really don't care.

When you're on a miserable run like both sides are going into Saturday's game, it's hard to know where the next points are coming from.

But there's no better time to put that right than against the old enemy.

In fact, today's game is the first of half-a-dozen games for Latics that, on paper, look 'winnable' to say the least.

After today's clash, Latics travel to Newcastle, entertain Fulham, go to Wolves, host Blackburn Rovers and then travel to Sunderland.

With a daunting-looking December coming up, it's vital Latics pick up as many points as possible over the next month-and-a-half to stand them in good stead for the always-demanding festive period.

With the talent at the club - even without key personnel currently out injured - they're more than capable of doing just that.

The time has come for the players to prove it.



READY TO ROCK - Mame Diame and Steve Gohou celebrate with passion against Spurs



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TV DEALS

Liverpool managing director Ian Ayre is apparently prepared to lead a challenge for Premier League clubs to sell overseas television rights individually.

Ayre reckons the current three-year agreement - with the £3.2billion TV money split equally among the 20 clubs - is unfair on the higher-profile clubs.

"If you're a Bolton fan in Bolton, then you subscribe to Sky because you want to watch Bolton," Ayre argues.

"But if you're in Kuala Lumpur there isn't anyone subscribing to Astro or ESPN to watch Bolton, or if they are it's a very small number. The large majority are subscribing to watch Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea or Arsenal."

That would be the same Arsenal who saw their title hopes come a cropper at Bolton last season, while Ayre's own club have failed to beat 'little-Wigan' in each of their last three meetings.

The Premier League is, by common consent, the best in the world in terms of raw excitement, thrills and spills and pure entertainment.

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SUPER CAPTAIN ALI...

He may have seen his World Cup dream extinguished, but what a proud moment it must have been for Ali Al Habsi to skipper Oman in Australia last week.

Speaking to the big man before he jetted out Down Under, it was obvious that it meant the world to even be representing his country in such a big game - let alone leading the side out.

Emmerson Boyce also sported the captain's armband for Barbados against Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago, meaning there should be no shortage of leadership in the back five this afternoon with Gary Caldwell also there to bark out the orders!



...MOMO GOES MAURITIUS

Momo Diame has always struck me as a reasonably intelligent guy, and that was proved during the international break.

While the Latics training ground at Christopher Park was battered by wind and rain, Diame was away representing Senegal - for whom he recently pledged allegiance.

Just don't try and tell me the presence of Mauritius, away on the fixture list didn't have any bearing whatsoever on his decision.

CULINARY CORNER

Solid offering at Villa Park, with cottage pie and veg being complimented nicely by a 'pick n mix' free-for-all at half-time. Verdict 8/10



MATCH ACTION



WIGAN ATHLETIC 1

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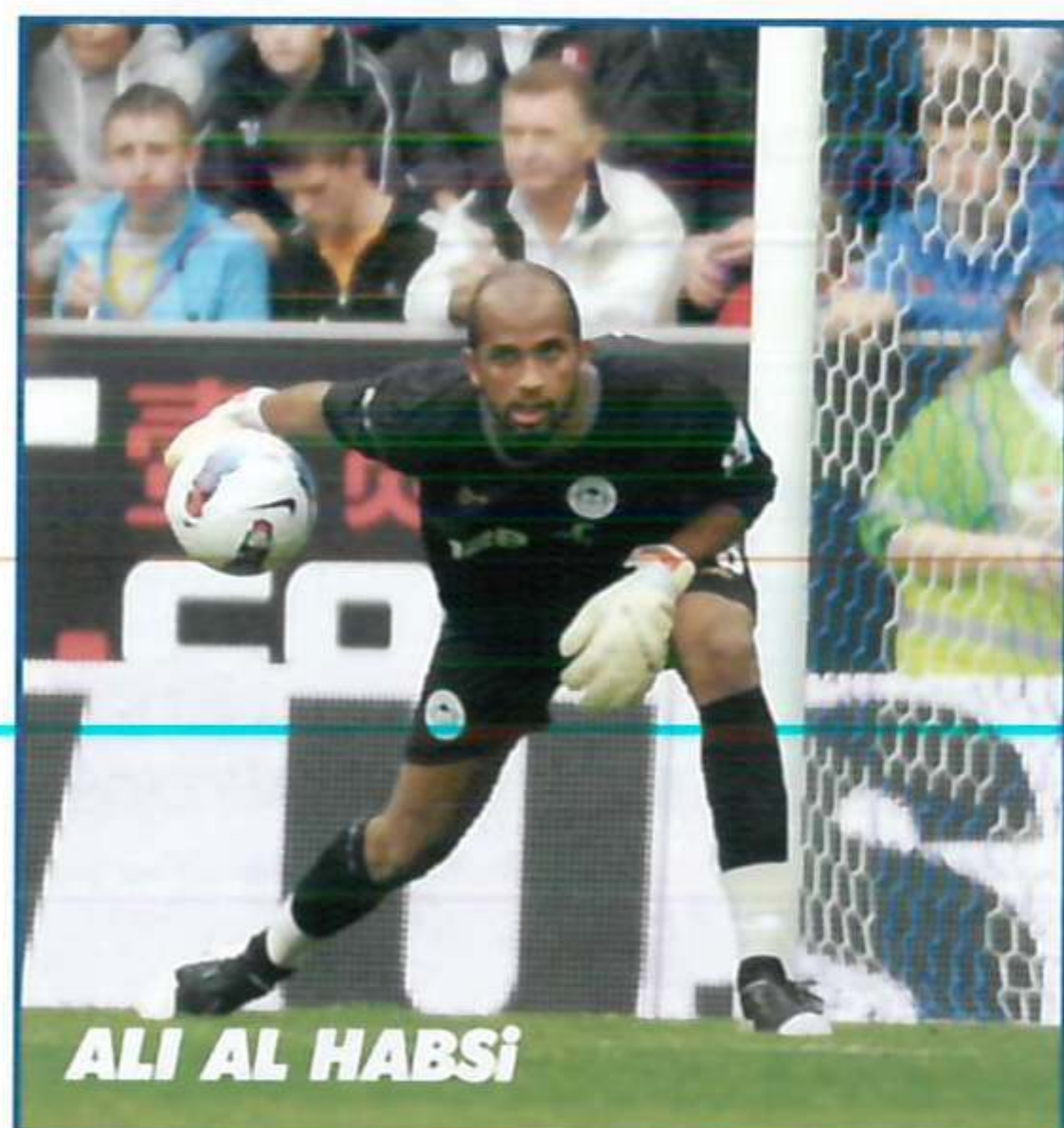
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LATICS: : AL HABSI; GOHOURI, CALDWELL, FIGUEROA, VAN AANHOLT; WATSON (McARTHUR, 73), McCARTHY, DIAME; GOMEZ (STAM, 46), MOSES; DI SANTO (SAMMON, 73) / **SUBS:** : KIRKLAND, CRUSAT, MALONEY, JONES

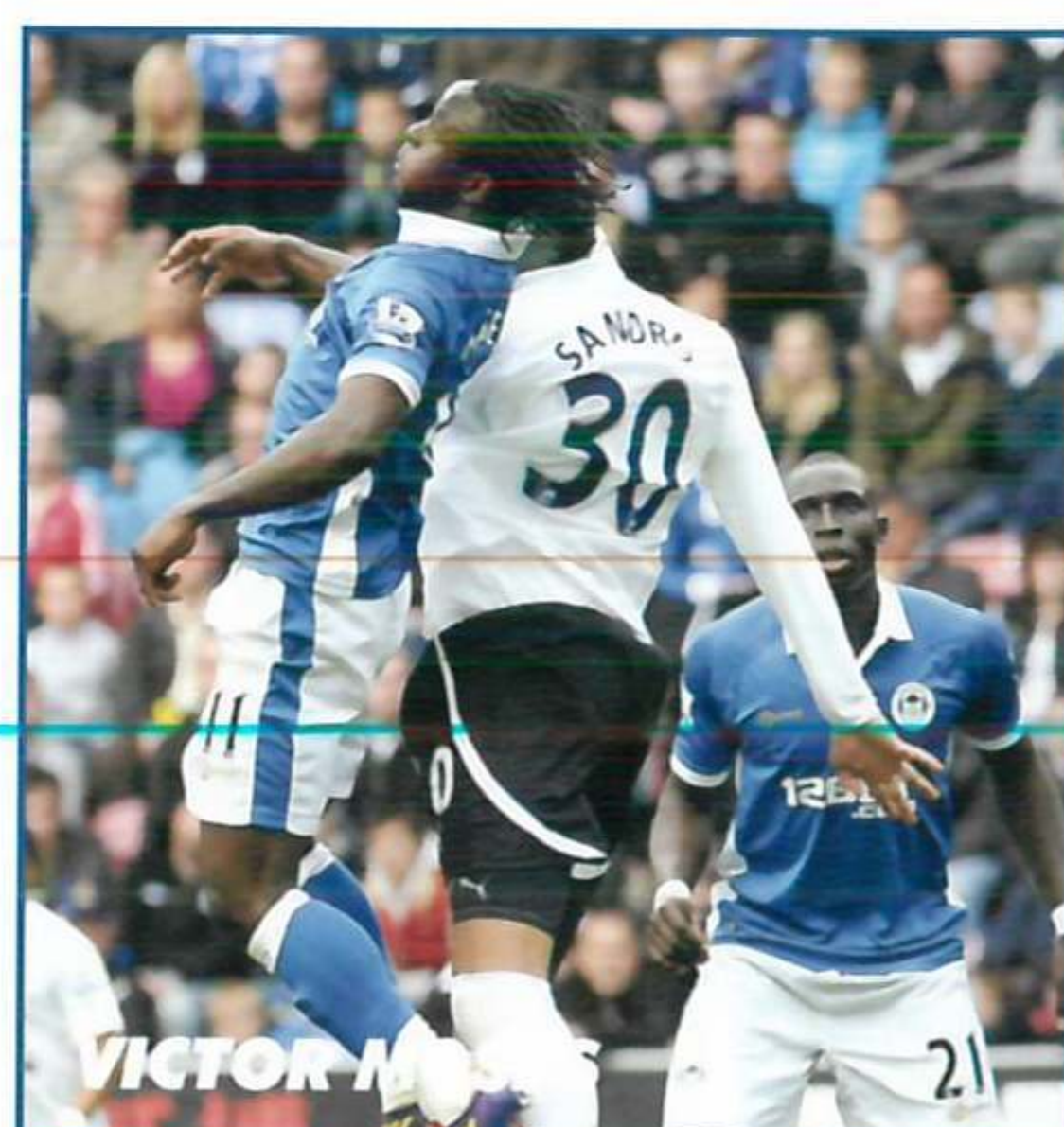
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COMMENTS

THE GAFFER

"In the second-half we imposed ourselves a lot more on the game and looked to be the side who were going to score, even with ten men. That was extremely difficult against a team who keep hold of the ball so well – but we scored a good goal and showed a lot of effort and determination to go on and get the equaliser, so I'm proud of the second-half performance and much to reflect on for next week."

PATRICK VAN AANHOLT

"The Gaffer changed a couple of things and at half-time; Jordi (Gomez) came off and when Ronnie (Stam) came on we changed formation and I think we played more attacking. We were unlucky with the red card (shown to Steve Gohouri) but it happens in football so you've just got to keep playing on like before, which we tried hard to do and still looked a threat. In the second half we dominated the game, looked dangerous and we were unlucky that we couldn't score a second to level the game."

Let us know your thoughts after every home match for a chance to feature in the matchday programme. Go to www.facebook.com/wiganathletic or @LaticsOfficial on twitter



TOUGH RETURN - Steve Gohouri came back from injury but was sent off



VAN THE MAN - Patrick van Aanholt continues to impress at left-back

LATICS AIMING TO HIT HOME RUN IN LOCAL SCHOOLS!

FORMER SKIPPER AND CURRENT MATCHDAY SUMMARISER FOR LATICS PLAYER NEILL RIMMER TALKS ABOUT HIS ROLE AT THE CLUB, TAKING ON LOCAL COMPETITION AND BEING INSPIRED BY THE BOSTON RED SOX!

As well as offering his dulcet tones on our matchday commentary, Neill Rimmer is now aiming to give Wigan Athletic a louder voice in the local community, in addition to his coaching role at our Centre of Excellence.

The former skipper represents the club as Junior Football Area Co-ordinator, a role that encompasses quite a lot of responsibility, as he explained:

"There are three branches to the role, linking-up with the Community Trust, Centre of Excellence and the club itself.

"I'm working between the three to bring them closer together, promoting Wigan Athletic within local schools through coaching sessions – trying to tap into the next generation of Latics fans.

"We're giving something back to the community and promoting the work done by the Community Trust, but at the same time the project works as a talent-spotting exercise too – if there are some prospects out there I can introduce them to the club and hopefully attract and develop future players for Latics.

"The whole job suites me down to the ground. I can use the fact that I used to play for the club and my links through the match-day commentary to give my role and purpose a little more credence.

"I know what it means to our club to do everything we can in this area – we've always been a tight-knit club and it's one of our strengths, but we have to work hard to ensure that local children are constantly engaged by the club."

Through coaching kids at a young age Rimmer hopes the club can tap into more local talent, strengthen the club's Centre of Excellence and fend off competition from other nearby clubs, following in the footsteps of one of the world's most famous sporting institutes:

"From a coaching perspective I love it – I was doing some work for the Centre of Excellence previously, and now I'm looking after the Under-9s which is great.

"It's important that we introduce our philosophy and concepts at an early age as well as having lots of fun!

"When I stopped playing I used to get involved with a few local Sunday League sides helping out, never able to fully commit myself because of work commitments.

"A few years ago I was given the chance to go over to the USA to do some soccer coaching in Boston and I really enjoyed it.

"That's when I began working with kids, having always thought I would go on to work with adults, but I took to it instantly and loved being able to offer my experience to them, knowing what obstacles would lie ahead of them in their careers.

"I came back and spoke to Bill Collier (Head of Centre of Excellence) to see if I could get involved.

"I knew we had to get into the local schools and really have an influence on the kids – when I was in the States the Boston Red Sox baseball team would turn up doing exactly the same, turning up at schools and taking the kids to play baseball for the day.

"Everyone supported the Red Sox over there so it felt as though it was more a case of them giving something back than having to promote themselves and I just thought it seemed the right thing to do – a great idea for us.

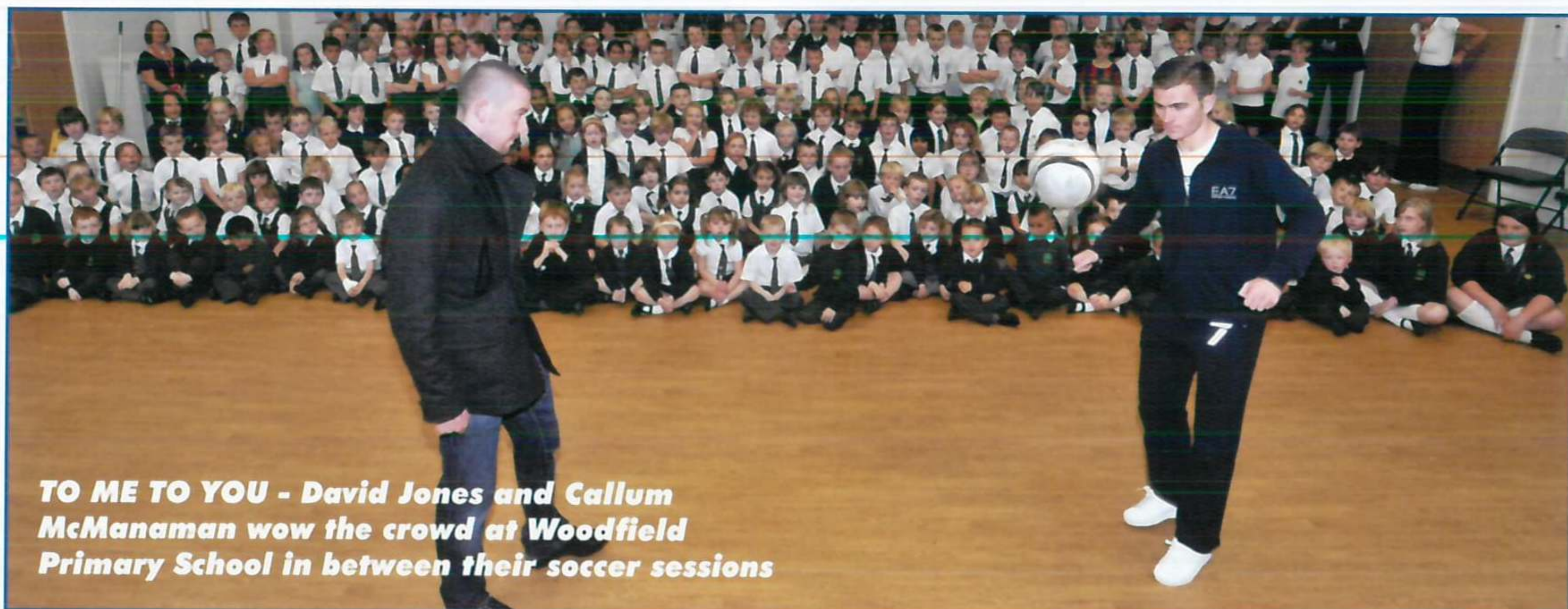
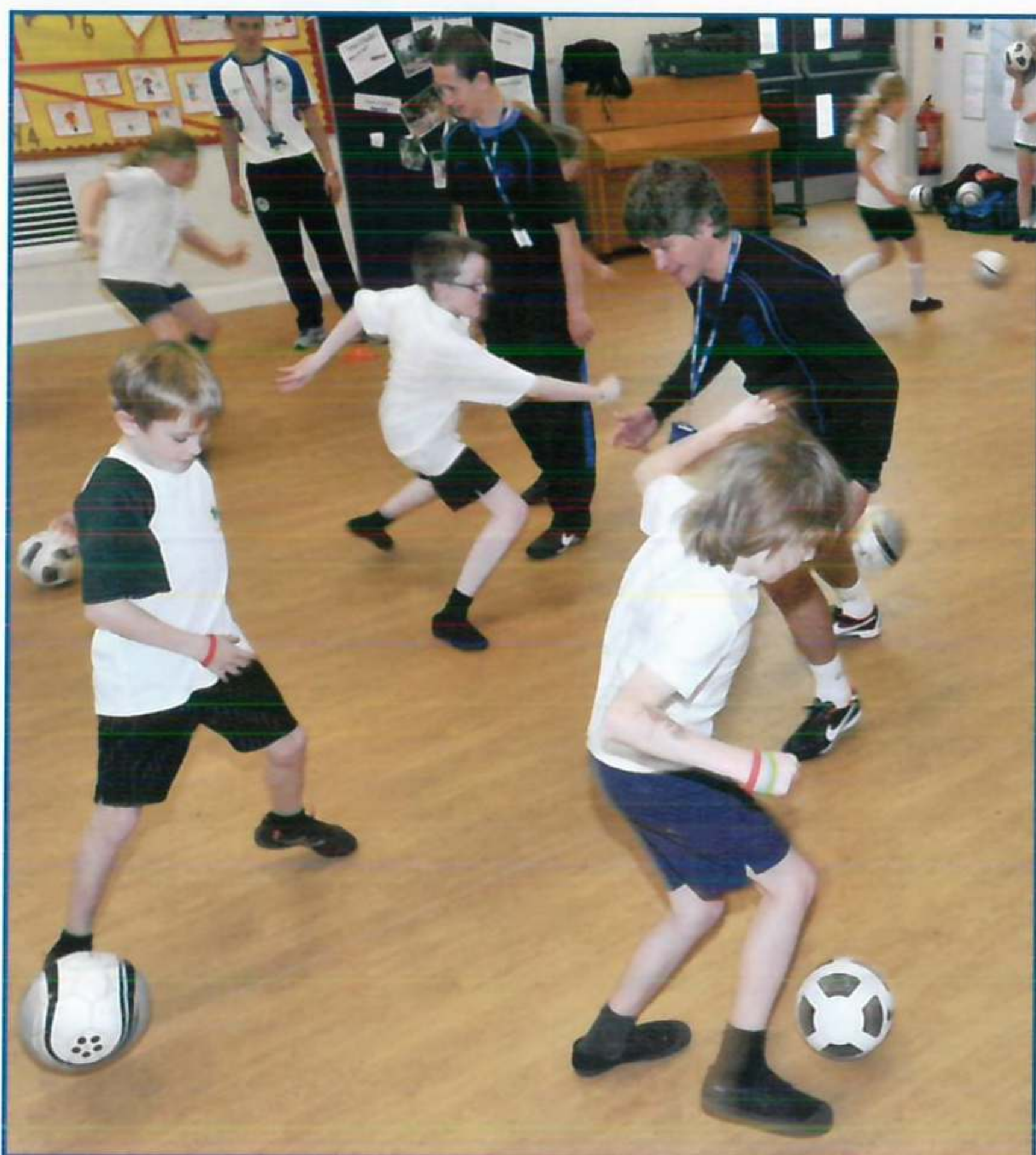
"With the help of the Community Trust, who I must say do a tremendous job in the area, I'm providing coaching sessions and football fun-days – the purpose is to promote the club and get Wigan Athletic into schools.

"The other big clubs around us are closing in on our area looking for talent – our competitors are coaching in Wigan and looking around in our areas so we have to take action to get hold of the talent there is in our town – I've been very impressed with the standard of some of the talent I've seen in these coaching sessions so far and hopefully the work we're doing will convince them they have a future at Wigan Athletic.

"It's not easy because there are the bright lights of some of the big clubs close to us, so we need to be able to offer them something different and I think at our club we can.

"Look at the opportunities some of the young talents at the club have had, namely Callum McManaman. That's an example of where they can get to at our club, whereas elsewhere they may get lost in the crowd and overlooked – not here though.

"The goal is to have our youth development programme full of local lads who have an affinity with the club to supplement talented youngsters all over the world, and I don't think that's unrealistic at all."



TO ME TO YOU - David Jones and Callum McManaman wow the crowd at Woodfield Primary School in between their soccer sessions

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WIGAN ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



Telford's New Bucks Head Stadium was the venue for the team's next Barclays Premier Reserve League match-up, taking on Wolverhampton Wanderers and fielding the likes of Chris Kirkland and James McArthur to add experience to an exciting group that are gradually gathering momentum this season.

Nouha Dicko was the star of the evening – menacing the Wolves defence and scoring twice in a game Latics should have won with ease.

But twice Wolves drew level and could have won late on despite being down to ten-men.

Barrow said: **“This is the kind of experience the young players will learn from though and when they face the same situation in the future they’ll be able to deal with it differently.”**

Expectations are high of this group of players, thanks to the standards they’ve set themselves over the past twelve months – the enterprising football that ended the previous campaign is the foundation Barrow wants the group to build on, and that process continued at Sunderland a week later.

Alas, it was not a night to remember; Jordan Rugg’s opener after half-an-hour should have been the platform for the away side

to dominate the game upon, but poor defending allowed Keith Bertshin’s side back into the game, going on to claim a 3-1 win over Latics.

Barrow said: **“It was a big disappointment to be honest; I told the players that now they have a few games behind them we’re looking at their performances a lot closer at this point,”** he told Latics Player.

“At any level of football you can’t concede the kind of goals that we are at the moment, but we’ll put it right and it’ll make us stronger in the future.

“The players are here to learn remember and they will do from these mistakes.”

BARCLAYS PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE NORTH 2011/12

Pos	Team	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Newcastle United	4	1	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	9	4	+11	10
2	Manchester United	4	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	1	5	4	+8	9
3	Sunderland	5	3	0	0	8	2	0	0	2	2	6	+2	9
4	Everton	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	1	6	7	-2	5
5	Wigan Athletic	6	0	0	2	1	5	1	2	1	7	7	-4	5
6	Blackburn Rovers	5	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	1	2	-2	3
7	Bolton Wanderers	6	0	1	2	3	7	0	0	3	2	12	-14	1
8	Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0



PLAYER PROFILE

NOUHA DICKO

Position: Winger/Striker

Date of Birth: 14/05/1992

Signed in the summer from French club Strasbourg, Dicko has in recent weeks shown real talent in the Development Squad earning a fantastic brace against Wolves.

In many ways the 19-year-old mimics Callum McManaman's style of play; quick-feet, confident in one v one situations and whenever he gets around the penalty area he makes things happen.

And it's not only in the opposition half where he is most effective, doing well against Sunderland to track back and help out the

defence on a number of occasions – a terrific work mentality.

After his Wolves performance Dicko said: *"I know that I have a lot of hard work still to do but I'm enjoying life here and I'm confident I can carry on improving."*

"The Manager has told me that my style of football can be good for the English game so I hope to be able to show everyone that I can play in England and in the Premier League."

Fans may have caught a glimpse of the winger against Crystal Palace in the Carling Cup recently and if his development continues to progress at the current rate it may not be the last time we see him in the First Team this season.

BARCLAYS PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE & CUP 2011/12 APPEARANCES

		LEAGUE & CUP	
		APPS	GOALS
ANGOY	Jesjua	-	-
BOOTHMAN	Steven	2	-
BREEZE	Jonathan	2	-
BUXTON	Adam	1	-
CHOW	Tim	4	-
DAWSON	Adam	6	2
DICKO	Nouha	2	-
GIRVAN	Michael	1	-
GOLOBART	Roman	4	-
KIERNAN	Rob	3	-
KIRKLAND	Chris	2	-
LANGLEY	Josh	1	-
McCORMACK	Jamie	4	-
McMANAMAN	Callum	5	1
MORRIS	Callum	3	-
MUSTOE	Jordan	7	-
MYLER	Sean	1	-
NICHOLLS	Lee	4	-
REDMOND	Daniel	7	2
ROBINSON	Jordan	4	-
RODALLEGA	Hugo	1	-
RUGG	Jordan	4	3
SERRANO	Abian	-	-
STAM	Ronnie	1	-
WATSON	Ryan	1	-
WILLIS	Liam	-	-

BARCLAYS PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE 2011/12 FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENT		
09/08/11	Bolton Wanderers	H	0-0
	LFA Sen. Cup (4-2 win on pens)		
16/08/11	Fulham	A	3-1
23/08/11	Arsenal	H	1-3
29/08/11	Aston Villa	A	1-1
13/09/11	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-2
26/09/11	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-2
4/10/11	Sunderland	A	1-3
18/10/11	Bolton Wanderers	H	
26/10/11	Preston North End	A	
	LFA Sen. Cup QF		
01/11/11	Newcastle United	H	
08/11/11	Everton	A	
17/11/11	Manchester United	A	
22/11/11	Blackburn Rovers	H	
06/12/11	Liverpool	A	
13/12/11	Sunderland	H	
10/01/12	Newcastle United	A	
24/01/12	Everton	H	
13/02/12	Blackburn Rovers	A	
21/02/12	Manchester United	H	
28/02/12	Liverpool	H	
13/03/12	Bolton Wanderers	A	
20/03/12	Norwich City	H	
02/04/12	Swansea City	A	
10/04/12	Chelsea	H	



YOUTH TEAM

DAVE WATSON / YOUTH TEAM COACH

Recent weeks have seen Dave Watson's team turn a corner and re-find the kind of form which served them so well last season. Seven points from a possible nine has lifted Latics off the foot of the table and into 12th position thanks to some resilient performances that are gathering momentum and the goal-scoring exploits of Abubaker Sheego who notched his third and fourth goals of the season in the last two games.

Following the 3-0 win at Tranmere Rovers the Youth Team secured their first consecutive victories of the season with a 3-1 win over Wrexham at Christopher Park, with goals from Sheego, Rakish Bingham and Omar Thompson. A tough away game at Macclesfield followed, but Sheego was again on the mark to help his side earn a respectable 1-1 draw and another point on the board.

Dave Watson said: **"The lads are playing with a lot of confidence right now and when you have it reflects in the score-lines."**

"They've learnt a lot in a short space of time and are starting to put those lessons into practice on the pitch."

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE 2011/12 APPEARANCES				SEASON STATS	
PLAYERS		APPS	GOALS		
AINSCOUGH	Luke	6	-		
ANDERSON	Bradley	4	1		
ASTLES	Ryan	6	2		
BINGHAM	Rakish	6	-		
CHOW	Tim	1	1		
CHRISTIAN	Patrick	6	-		
COTTRILL	Michael	3	-		
GIBSON	Jamie	5	-		
HARE	Calvin	3	-		
JOHNSTONE	Bram	-	-		
KERWIN	Joel	5	1		
LYNCH	Jonathan	6	1		
MASON	Andrew	4	-		
MEADOWS	Ryan	6	-		
PHILLIPS	Jack	1	-		
SHEEGO	Abubaker	6	4		
THOMPSON	Omar	6	2		
WATERS	Darius	6	-		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE 2011/12								
	Pld	W	D	L	For	Agt	GD	Pts
Preston North End	8	6	1	1	20	10	+10	19
Walsall	6	6	0	0	16	3	+13	18
Carlisle United	9	6	0	3	22	11	+11	18
Tranmere Rovers	8	5	0	3	22	11	+11	15
Burnley	8	5	0	3	16	13	+3	15
Bury	8	4	1	3	20	19	+1	13
Macclesfield Town	8	3	3	2	10	11	-1	12
Oldham Athletic	8	3	2	3	11	7	+4	11
Blackpool	9	3	1	5	16	21	-5	10
Port Vale	6	3	0	3	11	14	-3	9
Rochdale	8	2	2	4	11	14	-3	8
Wigan Athletic	7	2	1	4	12	14	-2	7
Stockport County	6	2	1	3	10	18	-8	7
Shrewsbury Town	6	2	0	4	10	14	-4	6
Accrington Stanley	7	1	2	4	10	13	-3	5
Wrexham	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4
Morecambe	8	1	1	6	13	31	-18	4

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HAPPY SNAPPER!

Wigan Athletic would like to congratulate Club Photographer Anthony Platt and his partner Laura on the birth of their baby boy Caleb Platt, born on 4th September.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Martin and Ann Davies would like to introduce their baby son (and one of Latics' newest fans) George Robert Denver Davies, who was born on 13th August (just after the Norwich City game) weighing 6lbs 7oz. He can't wait for his first game!



BIRTHDAY MESSAGES!

A very happy 25th birthday to Liam Neafcy, Love from Kirsty!

Happy 10th Birthday James, Love from all the family

Happy Birthday Colin Rowlands, From Carol & Julie

Happy 12th Birthday Thomas Hesketh, Love from Mum & Rob

Happy Birthday Chris Makowski

Happy 70th Birthday Uncle Tony
Lots of love from Neil, Clare, Rosie & Trixie

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Arlo Ward,
Aged 3 months
Son of Amy & Neil



BIRTHDAY MESSAGES!

Happy 65th Birthday
John Pearson
Love from all your Family xxx

REMEMBERED

Loyal fan Muriel Davies died recently aged 63. Muriel was a season ticket holder in the Springfield Stand and had watched Latics home and away since the 1960's. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.



SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

The Supporters Club are now taking bookings for the upcoming away trips to Newcastle United (£18.00, departing at 9.30am) and Wolverhampton Wanderers (£13.00, departing at 11.00am).

Details on departures and how to book are available on the Wigan Athletic Supporters Club website (www.wastc.co.uk), where you can also blog your experiences of following Latics.

Our website also contains details on membership for the season and renewals, but if you would like to discuss in

person then visit the Supporters Club Bar, located in the DW Fitness Suite in the South Stand before and after every home game.

This is the ideal place to socialise with other Latics fans, normally screening the day's early live match and giving members the chance to enjoy food, drink and socialise before and after the game.

Pos	Team	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Manchester United	7	4	0	0	16	3	2	1	0	8	2	19	19
2	Manchester City	7	3	0	0	9	0	3	1	0	14	5	18	19
3	Chelsea	7	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	1	8	5	9	16
4	Newcastle United	7	2	1	0	5	2	2	2	0	4	2	5	1
5	Liverpool	7	2	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	4	5	2	13
6	Tottenham Hotspur	6	2	0	1	7	6	2	0	1	4	4	1	12
7	Aston Villa	7	2	2	0	6	2	0	3	0	3	3	4	11
8	Stoke City	7	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	7	-4	9
9	Norwich City	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	4	7	-3	8
10	Swansea City	7	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	9	-3	8
11	QPR	7	0	2	1	1	5	2	0	2	4	8	-8	8
12	Fulham	7	1	3	0	9	3	0	1	2	1	4	3	7
13	Everton	6	1	1	2	5	6	1	0	1	1	2	-2	
14	Wolves	7	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	1	3	3	-4	7
15	Arsenal	7	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	3	6	14	-6	7
16	Sunderland	7	1	1	2	7	5	0	2	1	2	3	1	6
17	West Bromwich Albion	7	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	4	7	-5	5
18	Wigan Athletic	7	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	3	1	8	-6	5
19	Blackburn Rovers	7	1	0	3	5	10	0	1	2	3	7	-9	4
20	Bolton Wanderers	7	0	0	4	4	15	1	0	2	5	6	-12	3



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ALL TIME LATICS RECORD

	NAME	Birthplace	D.O.B	Date Signed	LEAGUE			CARLING CUP			FA CUP			TOTAL			CARDS			LEAGUE			TOTAL			INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES		
					A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	RED	YLW		A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
26	AL HABSI Ali	Muscat, Oman	30/12/81	15/07/10	7	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	41	41	0	47	47	0	3	3	0
3	ALCARAZ Antolin	San Roque Gonzalez, Paraguay	30/07/82	01/07/10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	35	35	1	39	39	1	0	0	0
17	BOYCE Emmerson	Aylesbury	24/09/79	31/07/06	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	137	132	4	150	145	4	2	2	0
5	CALDWELL Gary	Stirling, Scotland	12/04/82	12/01/10	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	3	0	46	46	2	50	50	2	4	4	0
7	CRUSAT Albert	Barcelona, Spain	13/05/82	30/08/11	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	DI SANTO Franco	Mendoza, Argentina	07/04/89	31/08/10	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	3	0	0	0	32	16	4	36	18	4	0	0	0
21	DIAME Mohamed	Creteil, France	14/06/87	11/08/09	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	1	0	1	0	76	70	3	83	77	5	2	2	0
30	DICKO Nouha	Paris, France	14/05/92	08/08/11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
31	FIGUEROA Maynor	Jutiapa, Honduras	02/05/83	17/01/08	7	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	115	113	3	128	125	3	4	4	0
2	GOHOURI Steve	Abidjan, Ivory Coast	08/02/81	12/01/10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	33	31	2	34	32	2	0	0	0
14	GOMEZ Jordi	Barcelona, Spain	24/05/85	19/06/09	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	1	0	42	25	2	50	32	4	0	0	0
19	JONES David	Southport	04/11/84	01/08/11	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	KIRKLAND Chris	Leicester	02/05/81	26/10/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	131	0	134	134	0	0	0	0	0
24	LOPEZ Adrian	As Pontes, Spain	25/02/87	18/10/10	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	9	9	0	0	0	0
10	MALONEY Shaun	Sarawak, Malaysia	24/01/83	31/08/11	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
16	McARTHUR James	Glasgow, Scotland	07/10/87	23/07/10	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	23	4	0	29	11	0	0	0	0
4	McCARTHY James	Glasgow, Scotland	12/11/90	21/07/09	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	2	0	49	48	4	57	52	5	0	0	0
15	McMANAMAN Callum	Liverpool	25/04/91	01/07/09	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	9	3	2	0	0	0	0
11	MOSES Victor	Kaduna, Nigeria	12/12/90	01/02/09	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	1	0	42	17	2	46	21	3	0	0	0	0
39	MUSTOE Jordan	Liverpool	28/01/91	01/07/09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	POLLITT Mike	Bolton	29/02/72	30/06/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	31	0	50	45	0	0	0	0	0
43	REDMOND Daniel	Liverpool	02/03/91	01/07/09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	ROBINSON Jordan	Middlesbrough	28/04/91	17/12/10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	RODALLEGA Hugo	El Carmelo, Columbia	25/07/85	28/01/09	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	94	84	22	99	85	22	2	2	0	0
18	SAMMON Conor	Dublin, Ireland	06/11/86	31/01/11	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	12	2	1	0	0	0	0
23	STAM Ronnie	Breda, Netherlands	18/06/84	30/07/10	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	31	18	1	35	22	1	0	0	0	0
6	THOMAS Hendry	La Ceiba, Honduras	23/02/85	01/07/09	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	55	49	0	64	58	0	1	1	0	0
22	van AANHOLT Patrick	Herengracht, Netherlands	29/08/90	31/08/11	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	3	3	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
8	WATSON Ben	London	09/07/85	26/01/09	7	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	7	2	0	1	51	40	7	60	46	9	0	0	0	0



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DATE	KO	V.	RES	ATT	AWAY	PTS	POS				
Sat 13 Aug	15:00	Norwich City	1-1	17,454	4,554	1	6	AL HABSI	BOYCE	CALDWELL	LOPEZ
Sat 20 Aug	15:00	Swansea City	0-0	19,068	760	2	12	AL HABSI	BOYCE	CALDWELL	ALCARAZ
Sat 27 Aug	15:00	Queens Park Rangers	2-0	17,225	1,694	5	7	AL HABSI	BOYCE	CALDWELL	LOPEZ
Sat 10 Sept	15:00	Manchester City	0-3	46,509	1,122	5	9	AL HABSI	BOYCE	CALDWELL	LOPEZ
Tue 13 Sept	19:45	Crystal Palace (CCR2)	0-2	7,649	178	-	-	AL HABSI	MCARTHUR	FIGUEROA	LOPEZ
Sat 17 Sept	15:00	Everton	1-3	31,576	685	5	15	AL HABSI	LOPEZ	CALDWELL	FIGUEROA
Sat 24 Sept	15:00	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	18,788	4,472	5	15	AL HABSI	GOHOURI	CALDWELL	FIGUEROA
Sat 1 Oct	15:00	Aston Villa	0-2	30,744	422	5	18	AL HABSI	BOYCE	CALDWELL	FIGUEROA
Sat 15 Oct	15:00	Bolton Wanderers	H								
Sat 22 Oct	15:00	Newcastle United	A								
Sat 29 Oct	15:00	Fulham	H								
Sun 6 Nov	13:30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A								
Sat 19 Nov	15:00	Blackburn Rovers	H								
Sat 26 Nov	15:00	Sunderland	A								
Sat 3 Dec	15:00	Arsenal	H								
Sat 10 Dec	15:00	West Bromwich Albion	A								
Sat 17 Dec	17:30	Chelsea	H								
Wed 21 Dec	20:00	Liverpool	H								
Mon 26 Dec	15:00	Manchester United	A								
Sat 31 Dec	15:00	Stoke City	A								
Tue 3 Jan	19:45	Sunderland	H								
Sat 14 Jan	15:00	Manchester City	H								
Sat 21 Jan	15:00	Queens Park Rangers	A								
Tue 31 Jan	19:45	Tottenham Hotspur	A								
Sat 4 Feb	15:00	Everton	H								
Sat 11 Feb	15:00	Bolton Wanderers	A								
Sat 25 Feb	15:00	Aston Villa	H								
Sat 3 Mar	15:00	Swansea City	H								
Sat 10 Mar	15:00	Norwich City	A								
Sat 17 Mar	15:00	West Bromwich Albion	H								
Sat 24 Mar	15:00	Liverpool	A								
Sat 31 Mar	15:00	Stoke City	H								
Sat 7 Apr	15:00	Chelsea	A								
Mon 9 Apr	15:00	Manchester United	H								
Sat 14 Apr	15:00	Arsenal	A								
Sat 21 Apr	15:00	Fulham	A								
Sat 28 Apr	15:00	Newcastle United	H								
Sat 5 May	15:00	Blackburn Rovers	A								
Sun 13 May	15:00	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H								

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS SEASON 2011-12

KEY: Booked ■ Sent off ■ First sub ■ Second sub ■ Third sub ■

Player in bold CAPS = Goalscorer / Number = Goals scored / P = Scored by penalty

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FINAL THOUGHTS WITH... DAVID LEE

THE FORMER WIGAN ATHLETIC AND BOLTON WANDERERS MAN ON HOW TO SUCCEED IN THE DERBY AND PLAYING WITH BOTH ROBERTO MARTINEZ AND OWEN COYLE



As both Managers prepare to lock horns in the dugout one man who has experienced on being on both their sides tells Latics' Matchday programme how he saw coaching quality in both from his days on the pitch.

Former Latics and Wanderers winger David Lee explained that although Roberto Martinez and Owen Coyle were very different characters, the one thing they did have in common destined them for a career in the technical area:

"I've played in the same team as both Managers; Owen (Coyle) was an out-and-out goalscorer, whereas Roberto (Martinez) was a midfield technician," said Lee.

"Both were very different players but at the same time committed to the cause, passionate and a pleasure to line-up alongside.

"The way they thought as players and conducted themselves on and off the pitch you could kind of see management material in them.

"Roberto was always a very deep thinker, calm in the dressing room but very determined once he crossed the white line knowing what he had to do with a plan in mind.

"Their motivation has brought them great success so far in their managerial career and I'm sure it will continue to do so in the future."

And as for coming out on top in such a pressure local-derby, Lee's advice is simple:

"You need that desire to win in a derby game, as in any game really. But you have to be prepared to scrap for the first 60 minutes or so and not let the occasion overrun your principles.

"You do need a little bit of luck at the same time, which can be the final element that pushes you over the line.

"It's important that you don't change the way you play for this one game – recent results haven't been great for either team but you have to keep

working hard on the training ground and believe that your performances will come good."

Lee is now back at Wanderers and explained his current role helping produce the stars of tomorrow:

"I'm the Youth Team Manager at Bolton Wanderers, working with the scholarship players and trying to develop them onto the next stage which is reaching the Reserve Team.

"There's a real satisfaction in the job, passing on your experience in the game to the young lads who are going to go through the same things you went through.

"It's great working alongside the likes of Owen Coyle and Tony Kelly who I shared a lot of happy memories with on the pitch and we've built a good infrastructure here to go forwards with."



LATICS LEGENDS

DAVID LEE 1997-2000

"I've had good times with both clubs and they both mean a lot to me; I played in some big games for both clubs and know that once the players cross the white-line the competition will be fierce"



WIGAN ATHLETIC

MANAGER: ROBERTO MARTINEZ

1	CHRIS KIRKLAND	
2	STEVE GOHOURI	
3	ANTOLIN ALCARAZ	
4	JAMES McCARTHY	
5	GARY CALDWELL	
6	HENRY THOMAS	
7	ALBERT CRUSAT	
8	BEN WATSON	
9	FRANCO DI SANTO	
10	SHAUN MALONEY	
11	VICTOR MOSES	
12	MIKE POLLITT	
13	LEE NICHOLLS	
14	JORDI GOMEZ	
15	CALLUM McMANAMAN	
16	JAMES McARTHUR	
17	EMMERSON BOYCE	
18	CONOR SAMMON	
19	DAVID JONES	
20	HUGO RODALLEGA	
21	MOHAMED DIAME	
22	PATRICK VAN AANHOLT	
23	RONNIE STAM	
24	ADRIAN LOPEZ	
26	ALI AL HABSI	
29	ROB KIERNAN	
30	NOUHA DICKO	
31	MAYNOR FIGUEROA	
39	JORDAN MUSTOE	
43	DANIEL REDMOND	



BOLTON WANDERERS

MANAGER: OWEN COYLE

1	ADAM BOGDAN	
2	GRETAR RAFN STEINSSON	
3	MARCOS ALONSO	
4	PAUL ROBINSON	
5	GARY CAHILL	
6	FABRICE MUAMBA	
7	CHRIS EAGLES	
8	STUART HOLDEN	
9	TUNCAY SANLI	
10	MARTIN PETROV	
11	RICARDO GARDNER	
12	ZAT KNIGHT	
14	KEVIN DAVIES	
15	TYRONE MEARS	
16	MARK DAVIES	
17	IVAN KLASNIC	
18	SAMUEL RICKETTS	
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20	ROBBIE BLAKE	
21	DARREN PRATLEY	
22	JUSSI JAASKELAINEN	
23	SEAN DAVIES	
24	DAVID NGOG	
25	DEDRYCK BOYATA	
26	ROB LAINTON	
27	CHUNG-YONG LEE	
28	GAEL KAKUTA	
31	DAVID WHEATER	

TEXT US YOUR MAN OF THE MATCH. SEE PAGE 36.



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